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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "REVENGE OF THE NERBS!" PART I

THERE'S ONE!

BLAM!

AND THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

BLAM!

NOW THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

BLAM!

KA-BLAM!

HA! YOU MISSED ME!

FINDING HIDDEN LAND MINES IS DANGEROUS, SONIC! MUST YOU MAKE A GAME OF EVERYTHING?

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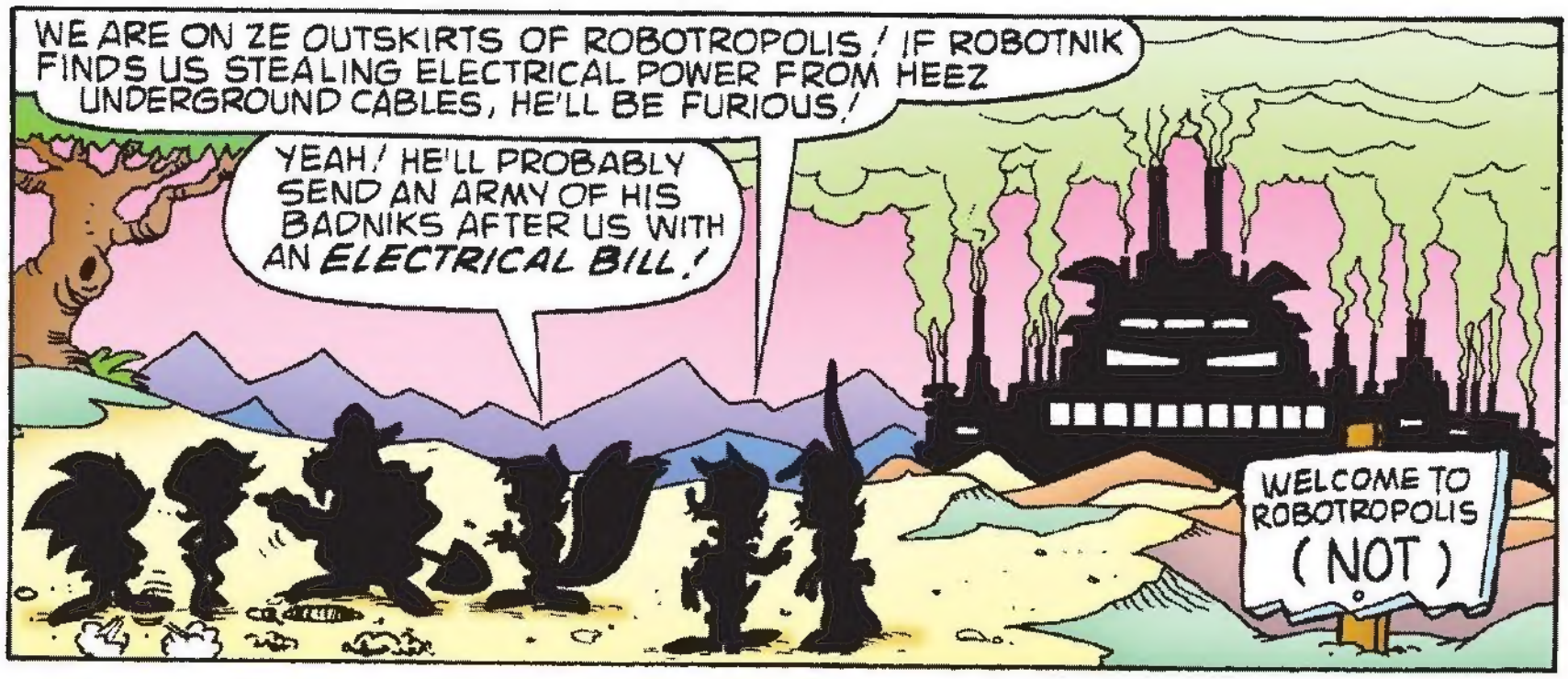
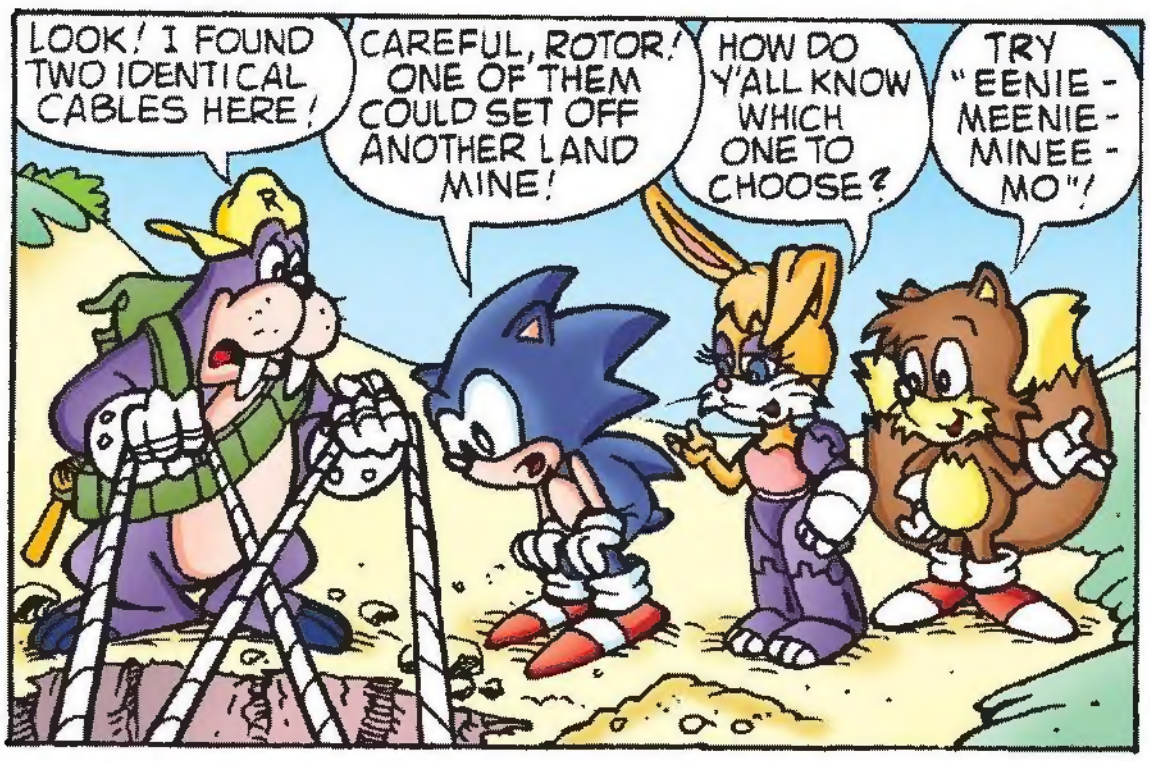
OKAY, ROTOR, YOU CAN START DIGGING!

THANKS, SONIC! I'M SURE I'LL FIND AN ELECTRICAL CABLE BURIED HERE!

I'LL BE SHOCKED IF YOU DON'T!

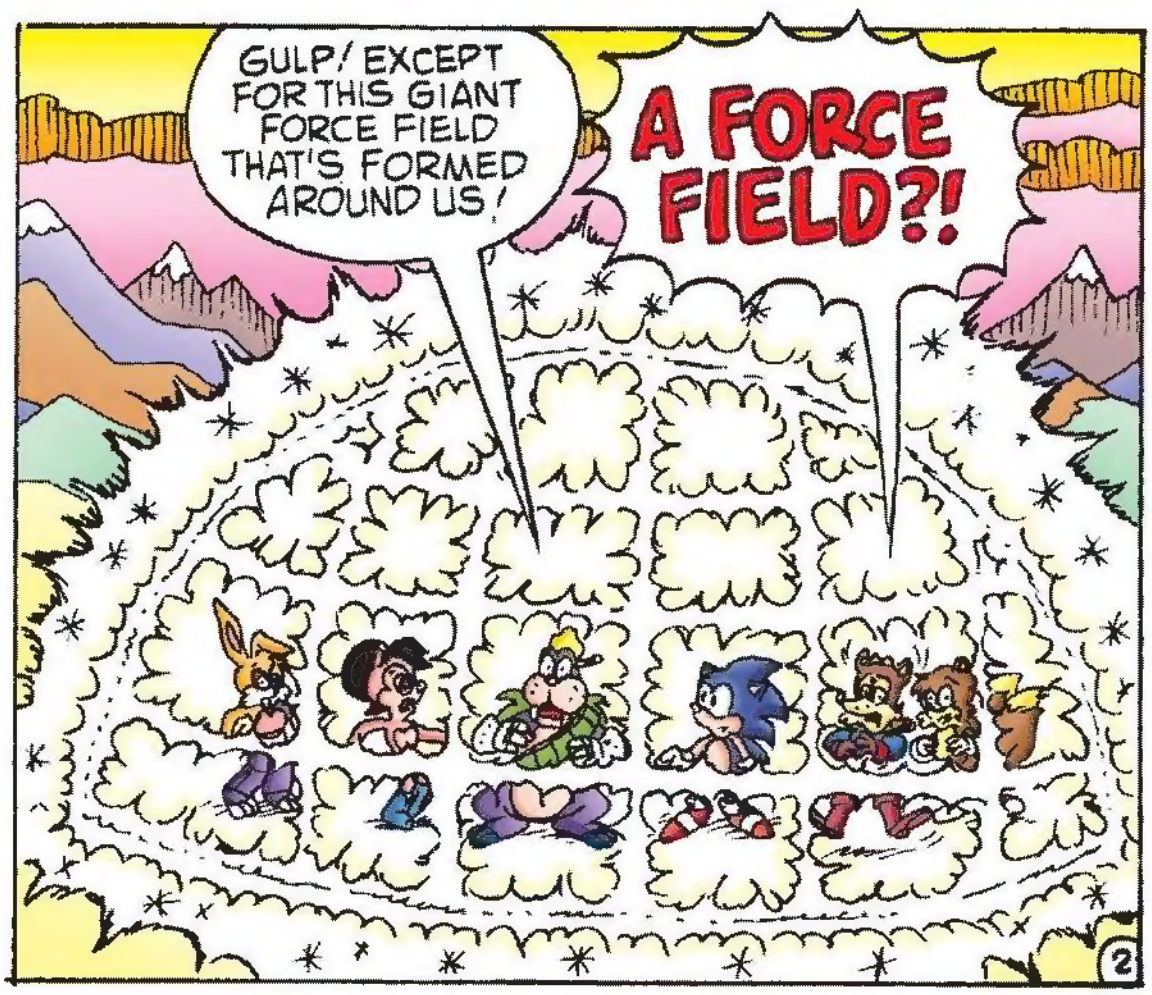
PLEASE HURRY, ROTOR!

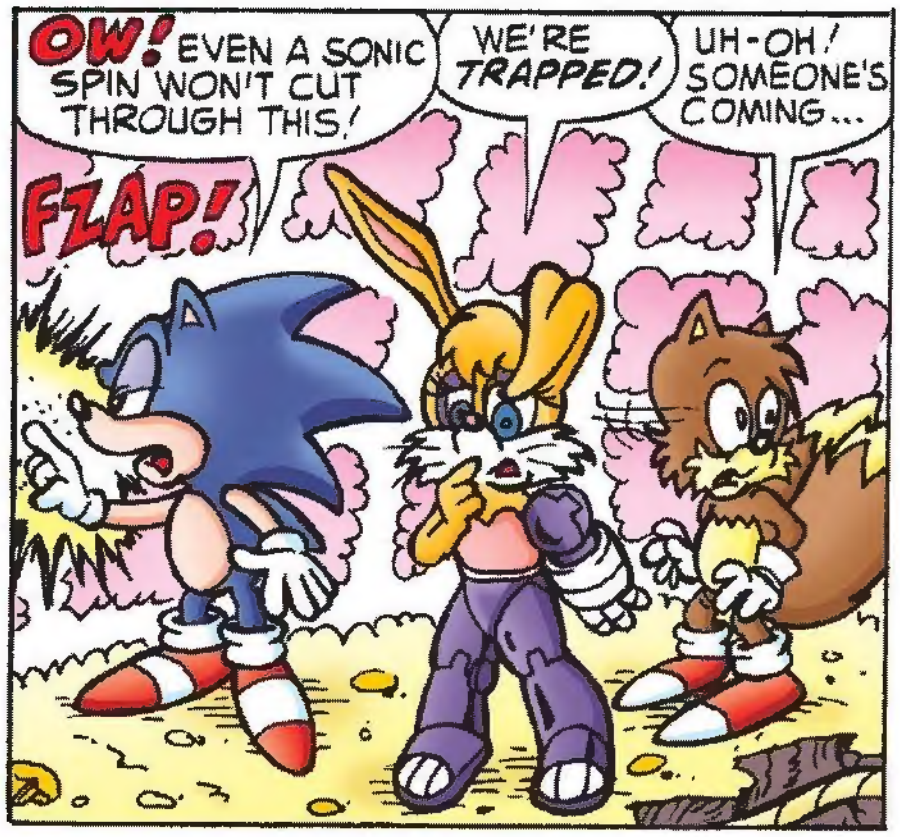

WE ARE ON ZE OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS! IF ROBOTNIK FINDS US STEALING ELECTRICAL POWER FROM HEEZ UNDERGROUND CABLES, HE'LL BE FURIOUS!
YEAH! HE'LL PROBABLY SEND AN ARMY OF HIS BADNIKS AFTER US WITH AN ELECTRICAL BILL!
WELCOME TO ROBOTROPOLIS (NOT)


LOOK! I FOUND TWO IDENTICAL CABLES HERE!
CAREFUL, ROTOR! ONE OF THEM COULD SET OFF ANOTHER LAND MINE!
HOW DO Y'ALL KNOW WHICH ONE TO CHOOSE?
TRY "EENIE-MEENIE-MINEE-MO"!

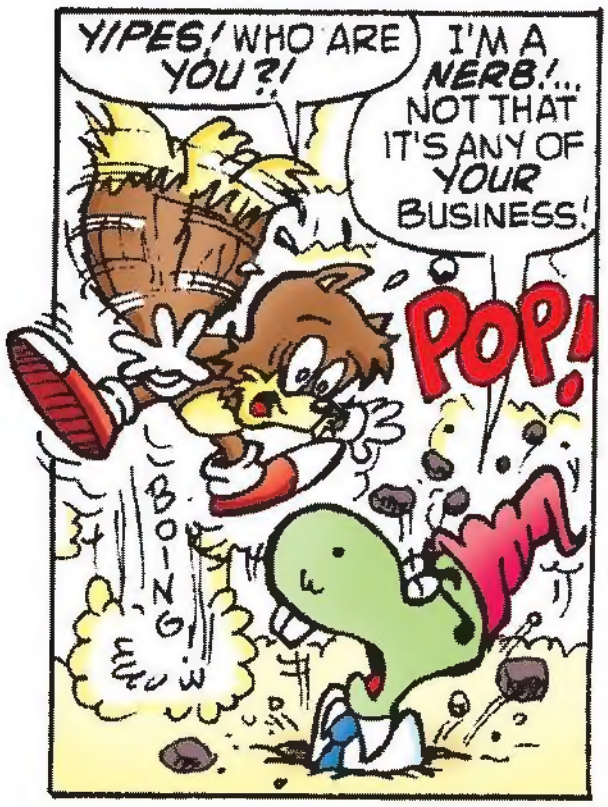
STAND BACK, EVERYONE! I'M GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE AND DISCONNECT THIS ONE! READY?... GET SET...

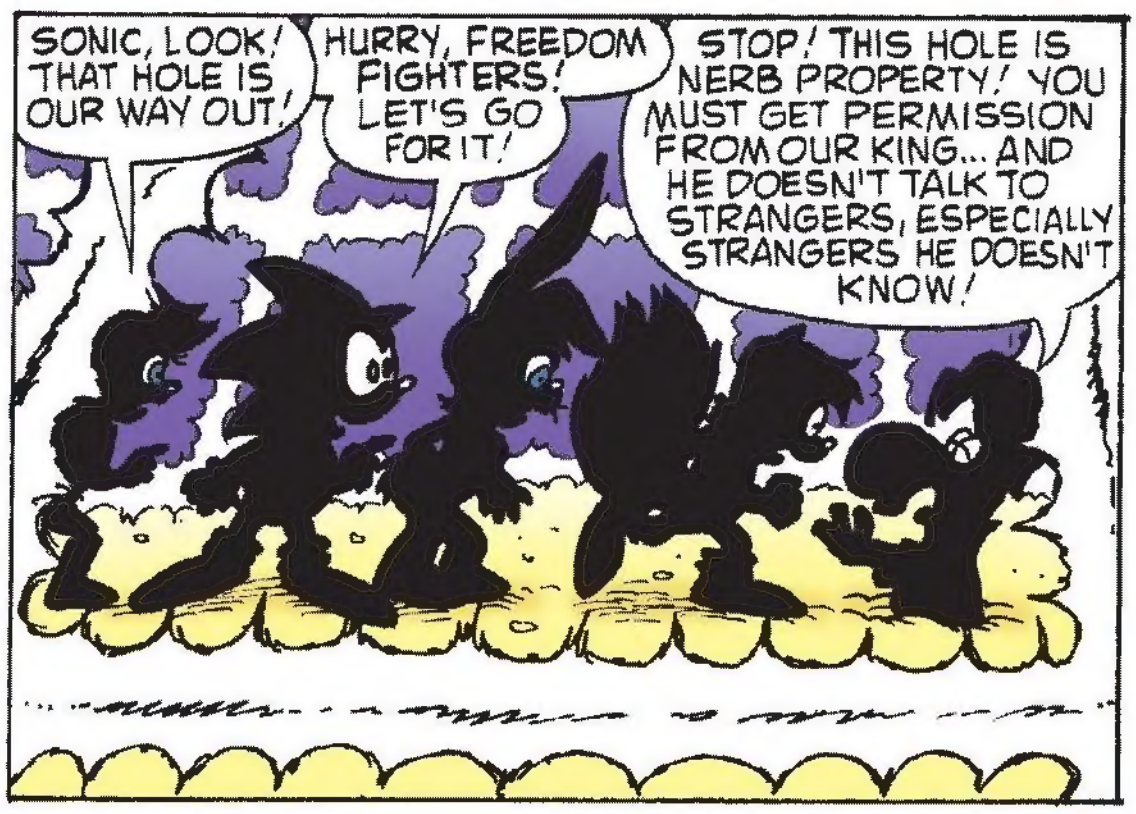
...PULL!...HEY! NOTHING HAPPENED!
SNAP!

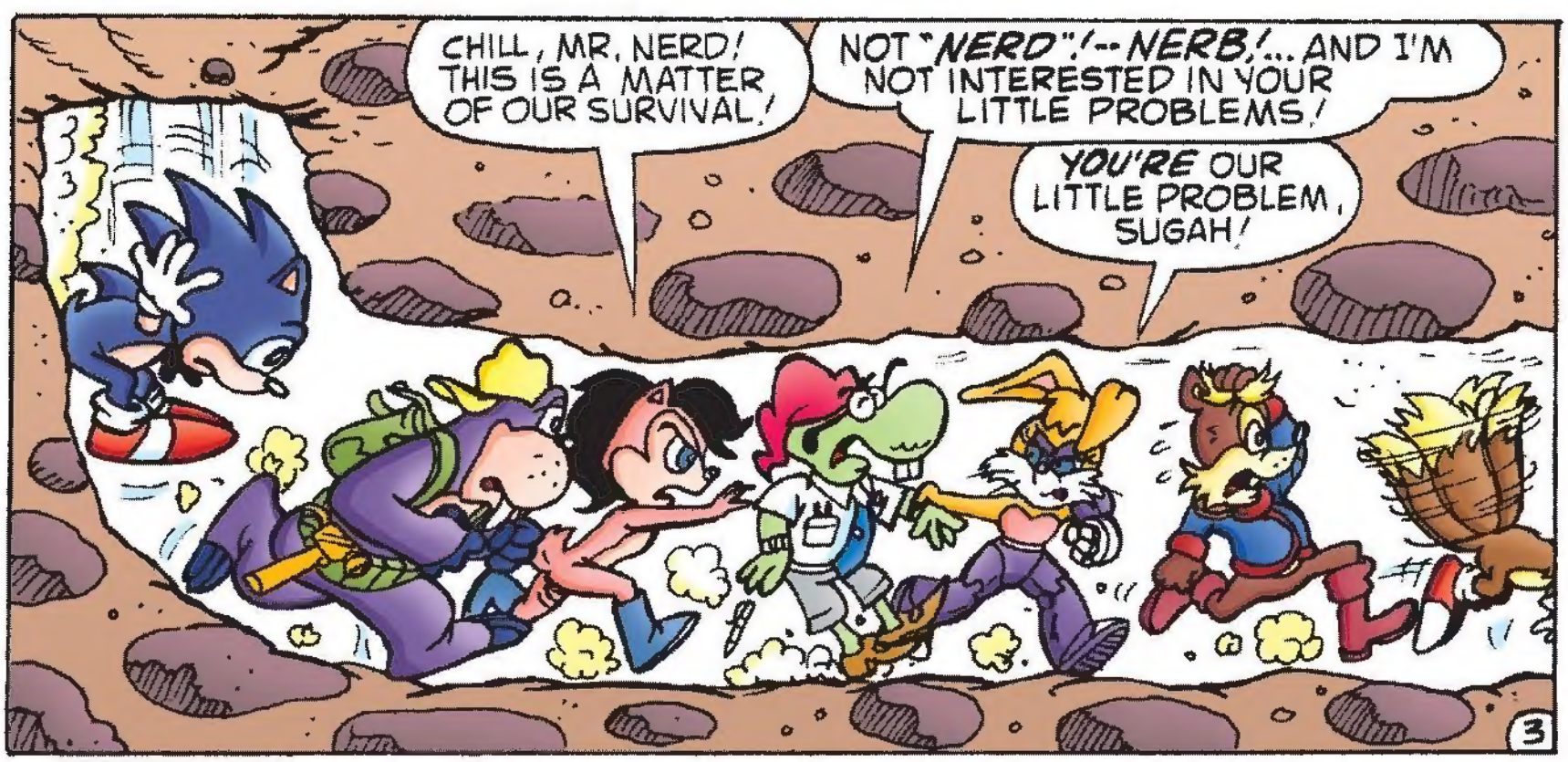

GULP! EXCEPT FOR THIS GIANT FORCE FIELD THAT'S FORMED AROUND US!
A FORCE FIELD?!

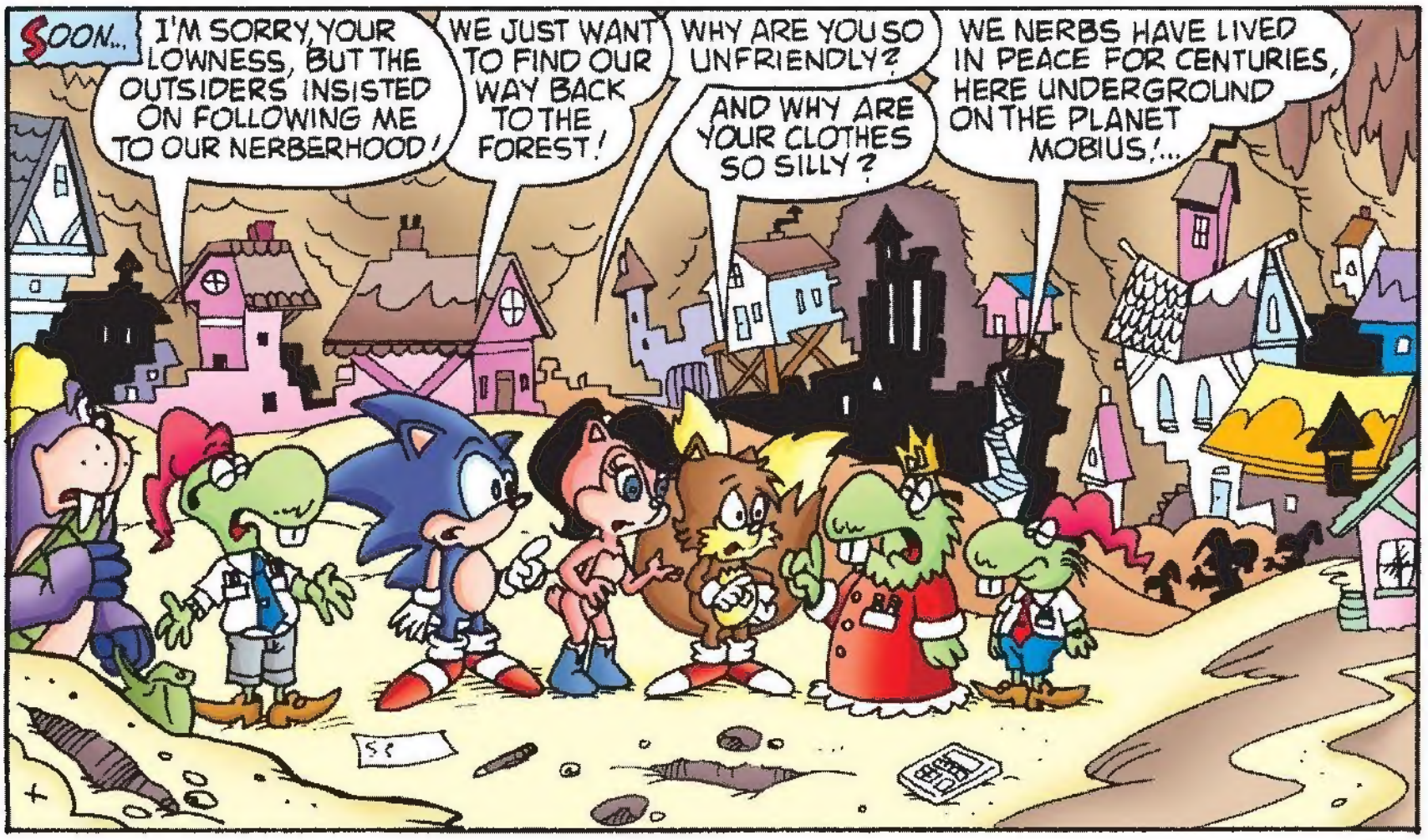

OW! EVEN A SONIC SPIN WON'T CUT THROUGH THIS!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
UH-OH! SOMEONE'S COMING...
FZAP!

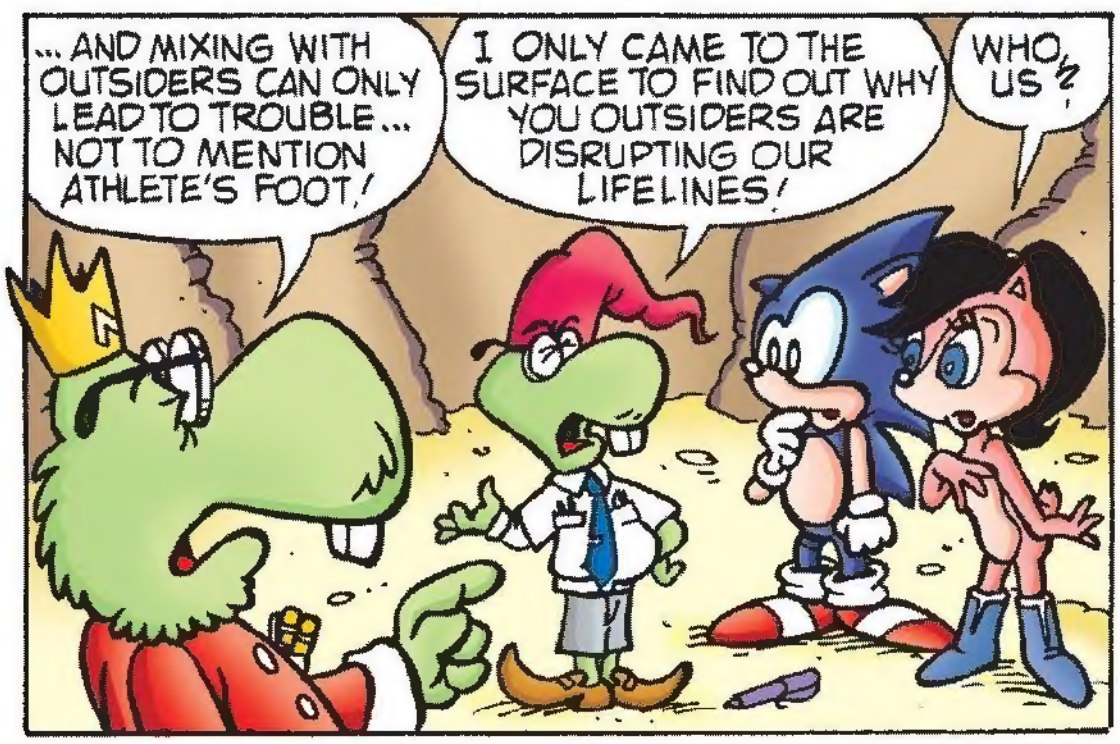
...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S THE ROBOTROPOLIS GOOD NEIGHBOR SOCIETY!
THROMP! THROMP! THROM


YIPES! WHO ARE YOU?!
I'M A NERB!... NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS!
POP!
BOING

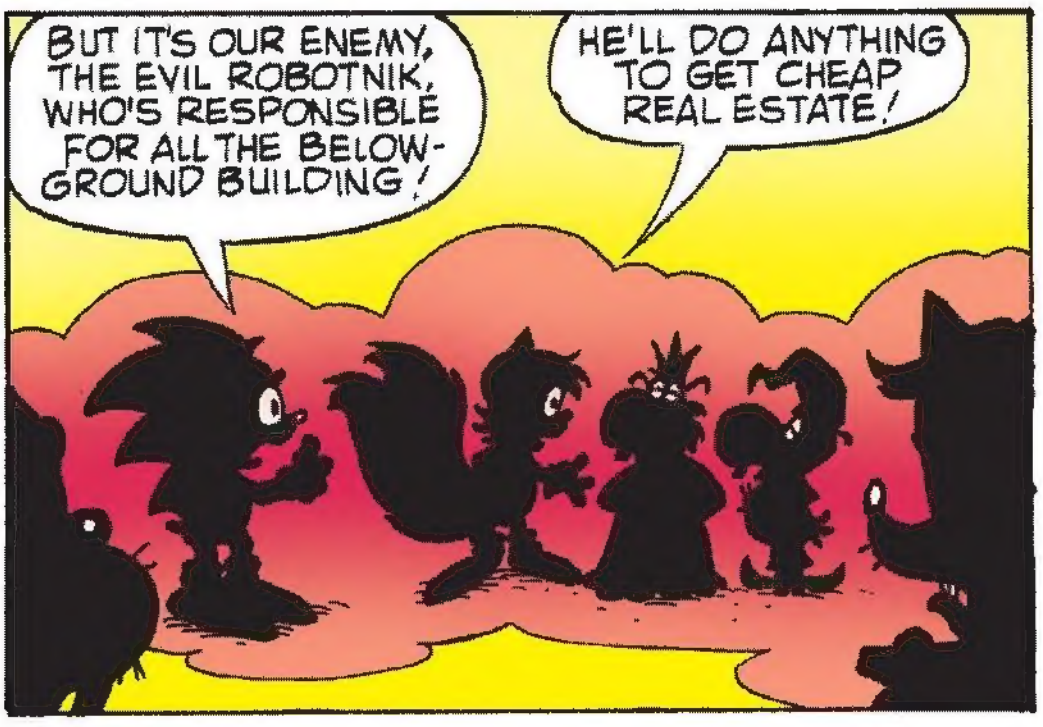

SONIC, LOOK! THAT HOLE IS OUR WAY OUT!
HURRY, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET'S GO FOR IT!
STOP! THIS HOLE IS NERB PROPERTY! YOU MUST GET PERMISSION FROM OUR KING... AND HE DOESN'T TALK TO STRANGERS, ESPECIALLY STRANGERS HE DOESN'T KNOW!


CHILL, MR. NERD! THIS IS A MATTER OF OUR SURVIVAL!
NOT "NERD"!-- NERB!... AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR LITTLE PROBLEMS!
YOU'RE OUR LITTLE PROBLEM, SUGAH!


SOON...
I'M SORRY, YOUR LOWNESS, BUT THE OUTSIDERS INSISTED ON FOLLOWING ME TO OUR NERBERHOOD!
WE JUST WANT TO FIND OUR WAY BACK TO THE FOREST!
WHY ARE YOU SO UNFRIENDLY?
AND WHY ARE YOUR CLOTHES SO SILLY?
WE NERBS HAVE LIVED IN PEACE FOR CENTURIES, HERE UNDERGROUND ON THE PLANET MOBIUS!...

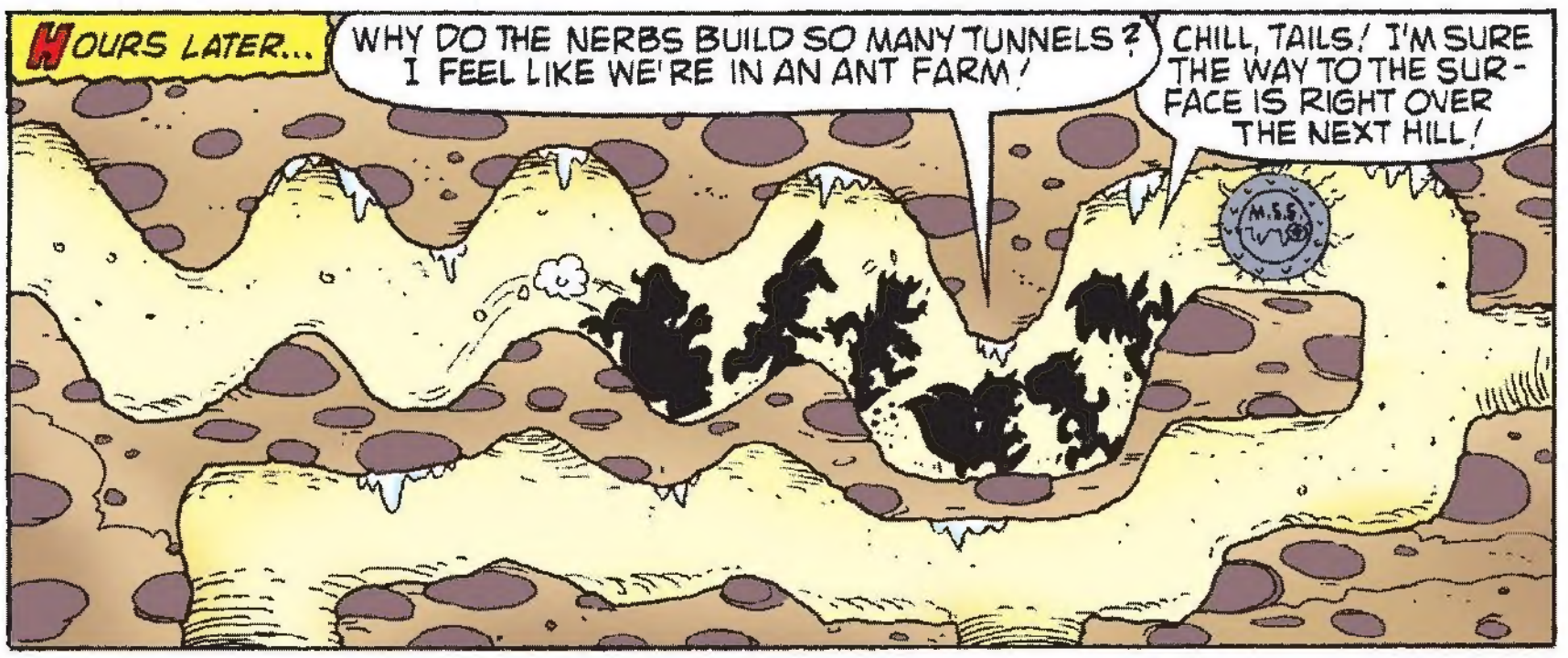

...AND MIXING WITH OUTSIDERS CAN ONLY LEAD TO TROUBLE... NOT TO MENTION ATHLETE'S FOOT!
I ONLY CAME TO THE SURFACE TO FIND OUT WHY YOU OUTSIDERS ARE DISRUPTING OUR LIFELINES!
WHO, US?

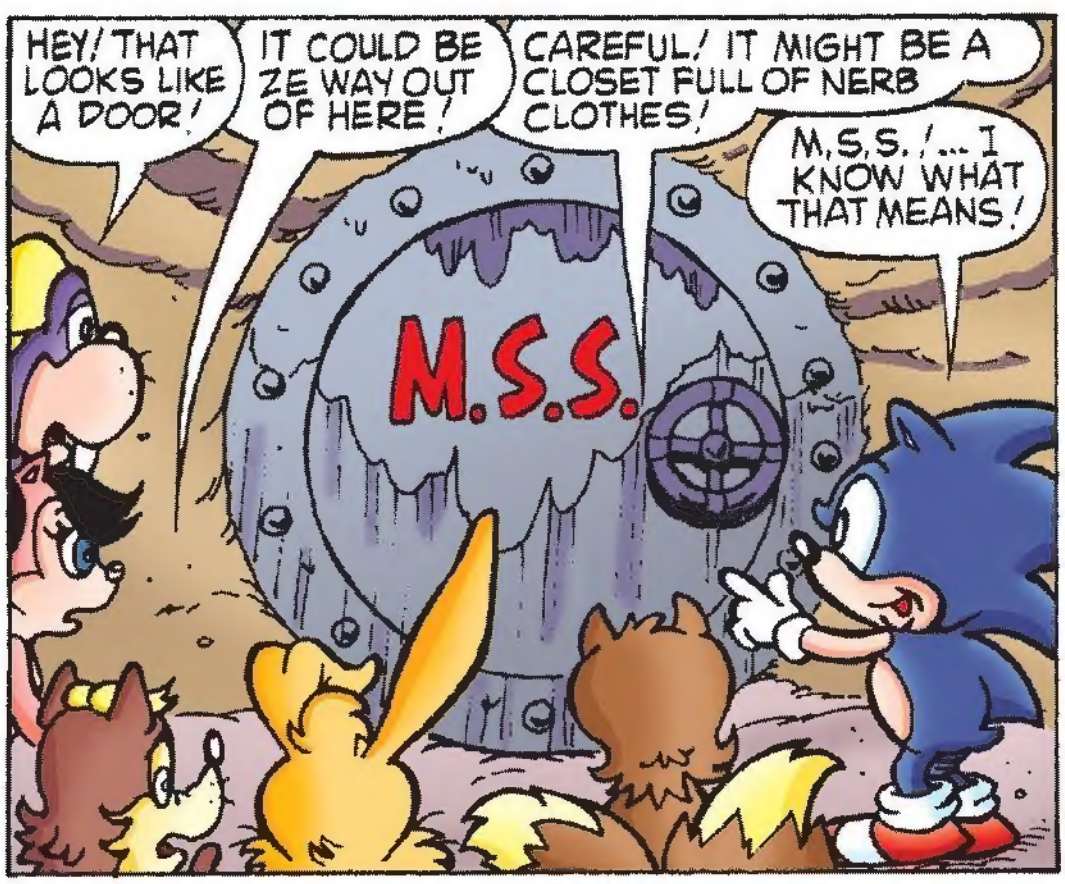
BECAUSE OF YOUR RECKLESS UNDERGROUND BUILDING, OUR AIR VENTS AND WATER SUPPLY ARE THREATENED!

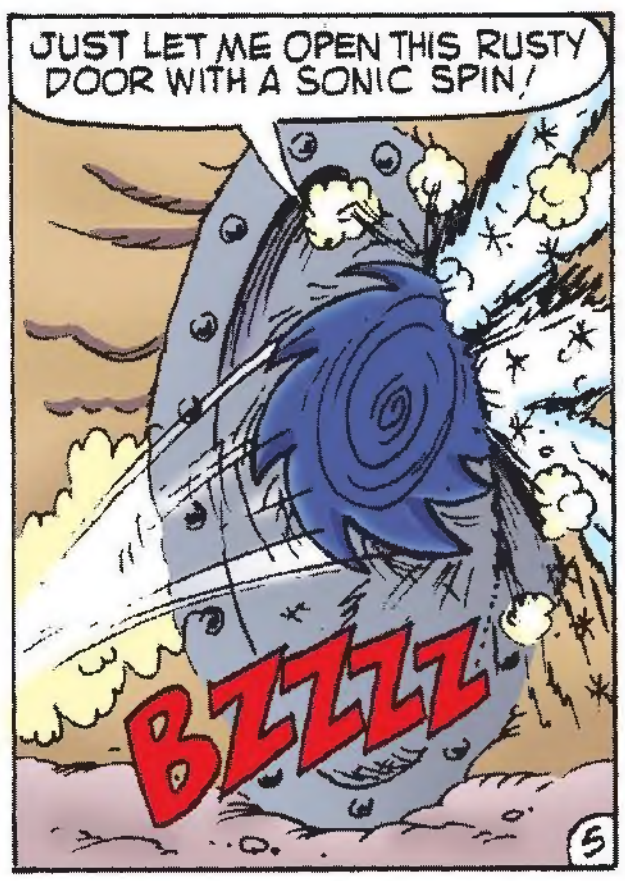

BUT IT'S OUR ENEMY, THE EVIL ROBOTNIK, WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE BELOW-GROUND BUILDING!
HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET CHEAP REAL ESTATE!

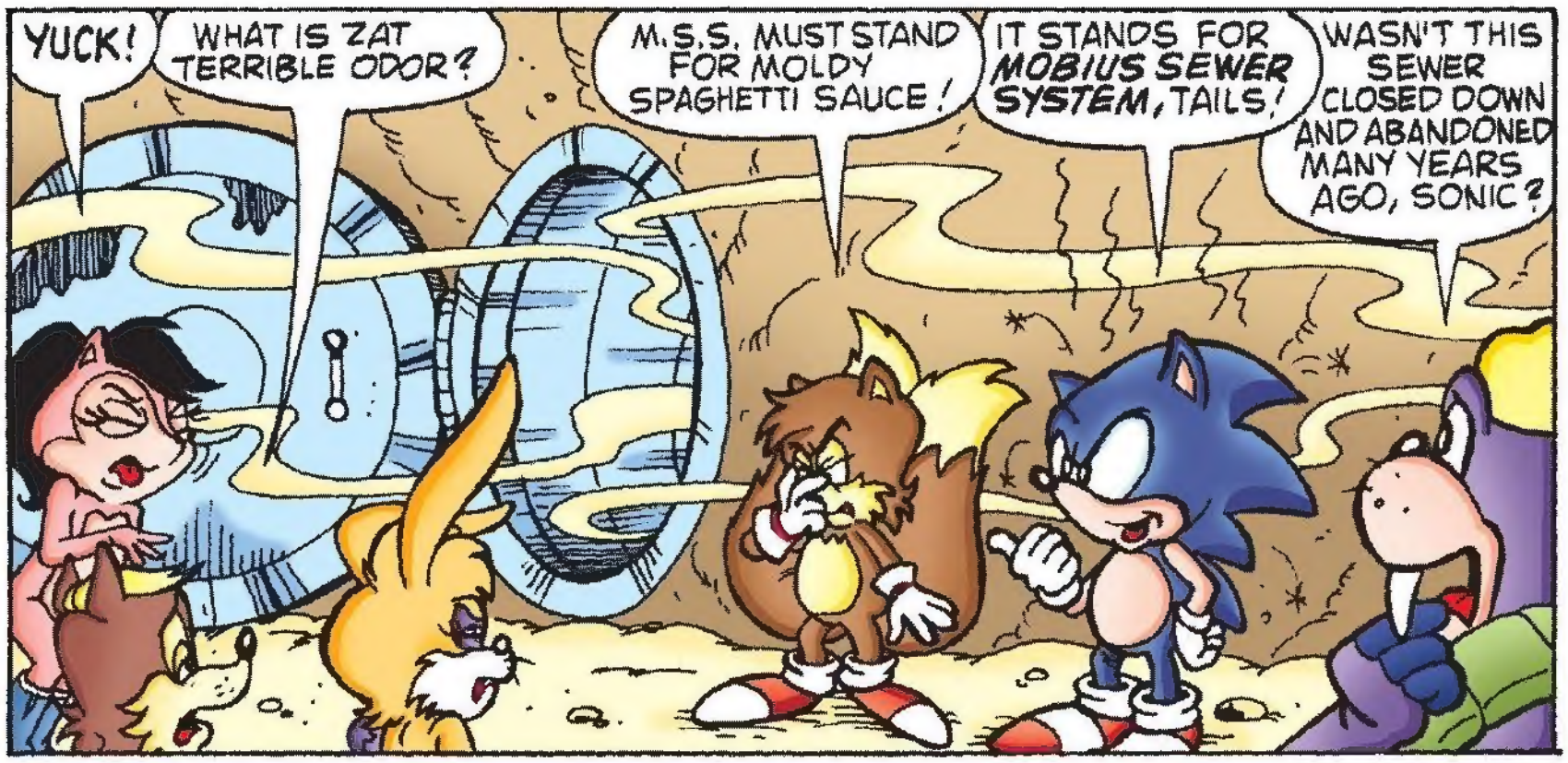
WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES? TOGETHER, I'M SURE WE CAN FIND A WAY TO STOP ROBOTNIK ONCE AND FOR ALL!

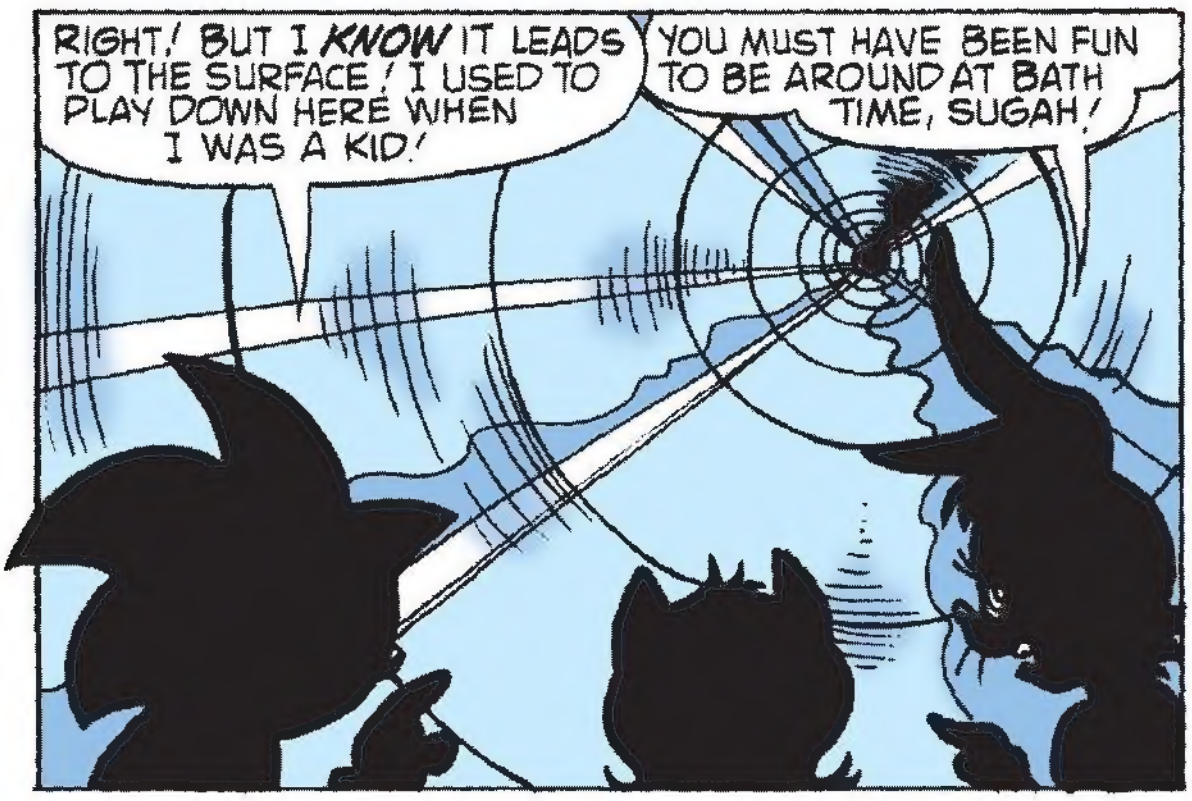
THE NERBS MIX WITH OUTSIDERS? NEVER!! SHOW THEM THE WAY BACK TO THE SURFACE!
YES, YOUR LOWNESS!
FORGET IT, DUDE! WE'LL FIND OUR OWN WAY OUT!
YOU ARE TOTALLY UNCOOL!
AND SO ARE YOUR CLOTHES, NERDS!
THAT'S NERBS!



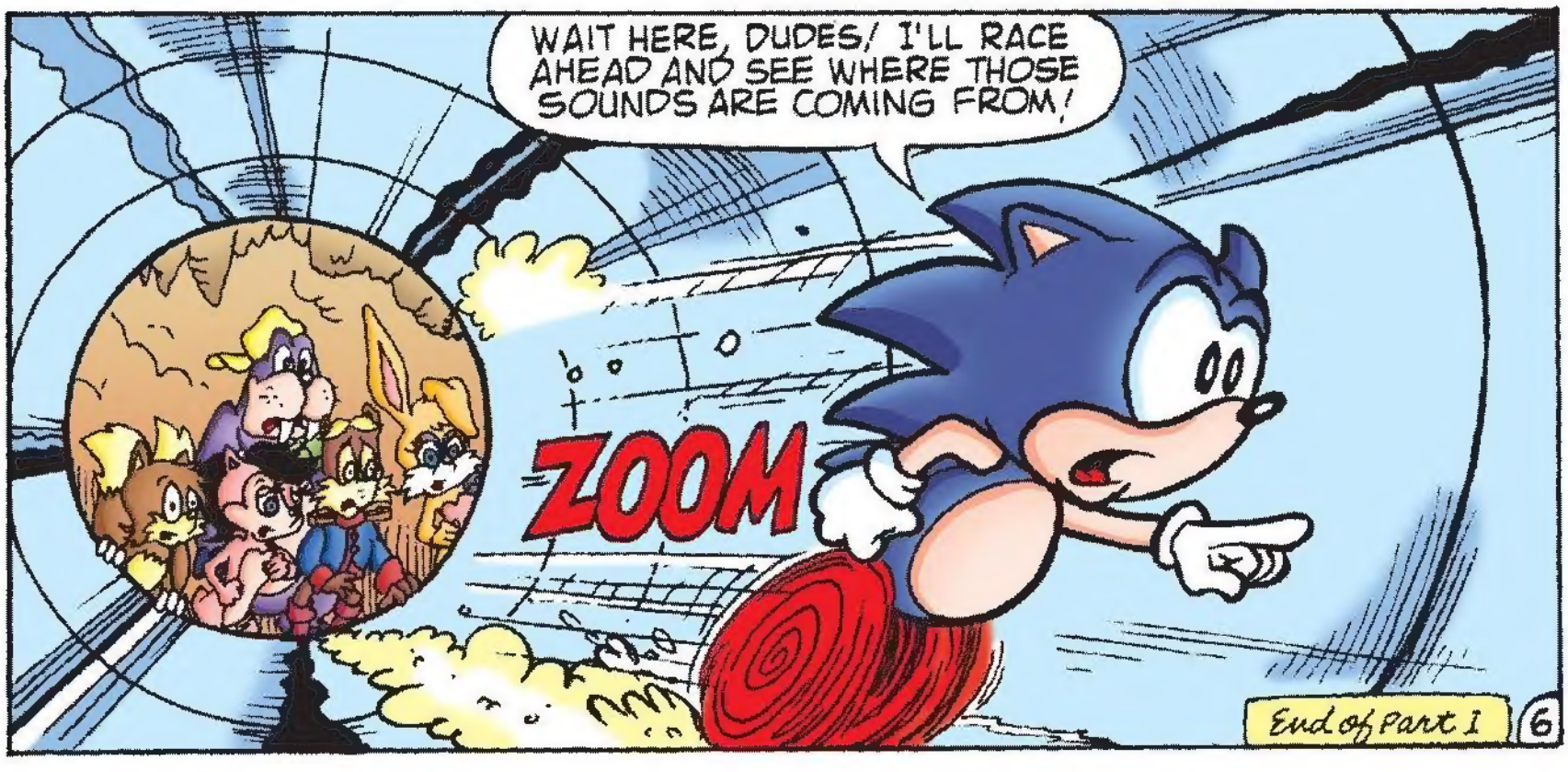





YUCK!
WHAT IS ZAT TERRIBLE ODOR?
M.S.S. MUST STAND FOR MOLDY SPAGHETTI SAUCE!
IT STANDS FOR MOBIUS SEWER SYSTEM, TAILS!
WASN'T THIS SEWER CLOSED DOWN AND ABANDONED MANY YEARS AGO, SONIC?


RIGHT! BUT I KNOW IT LEADS TO THE SURFACE! I USED TO PLAY DOWN HERE WHEN I WAS A KID!
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN FUN TO BE AROUND AT BATH TIME, SUGAH!

KLANK! KREEEK! HELLLP!
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S COMING FROM THE END OF THE TUNNEL!


WAIT HERE, DUDES! I'LL RACE AHEAD AND SEE WHERE THOSE SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM!
ZOOM
End of Part 1

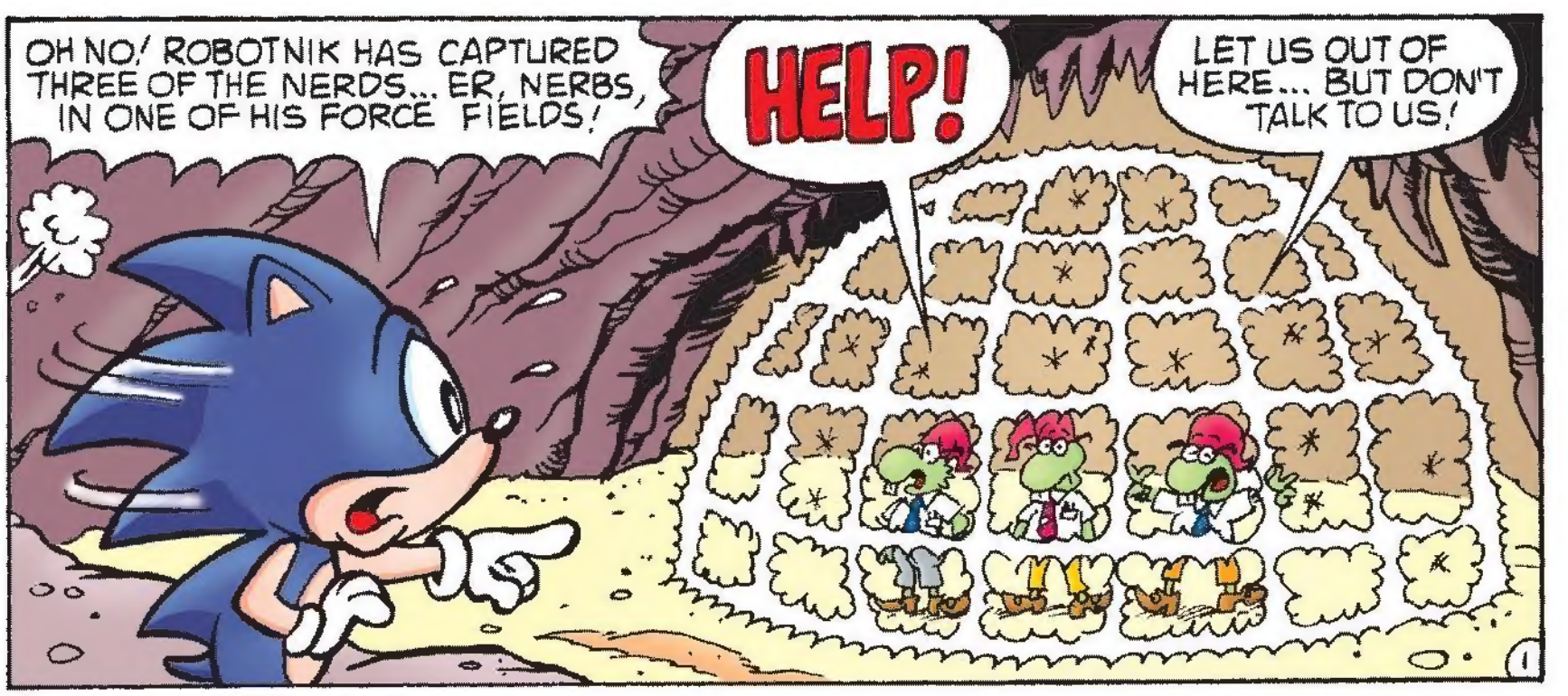
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN REVENGE OF THE NERBS! PART II

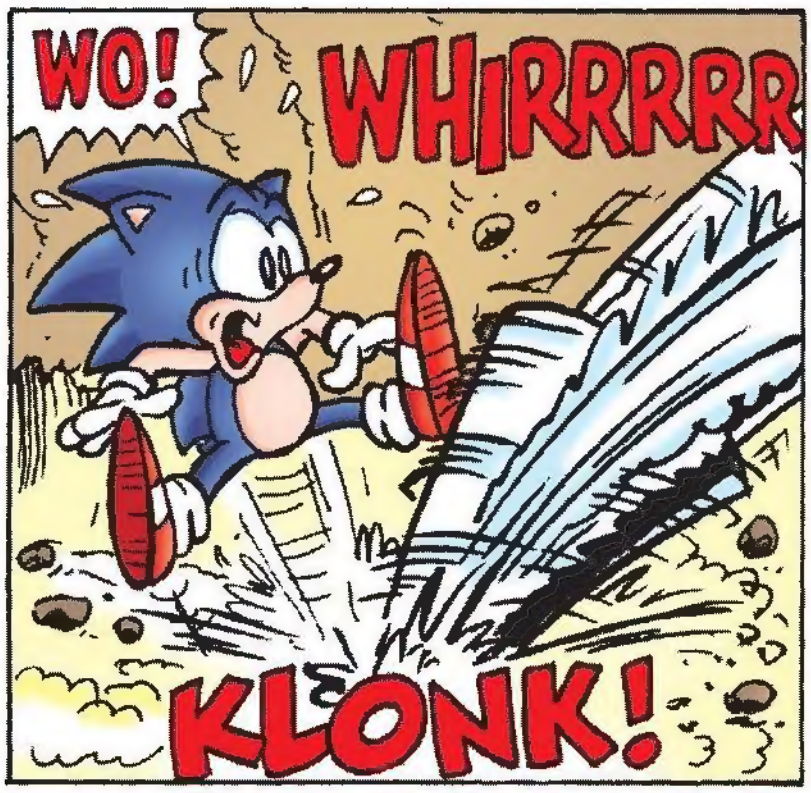
GRRRNT!

SO THAT'S HOW ROBOTNIK DOES HIS UNDERGROUND DIGGING, WITH A GIANT ROBOT EXCAVATOR... DRIVEN BY ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!

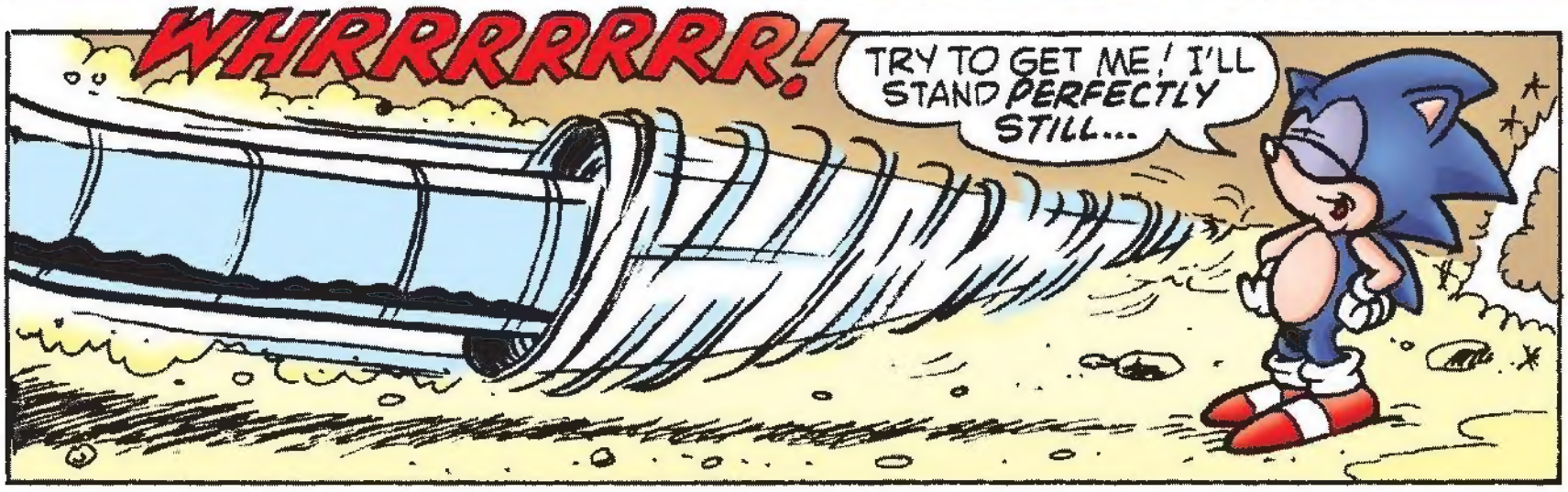
HA! HA! HA! I LOVE THIS TOY! IT'S SOOOO DESTRUCTIVE!

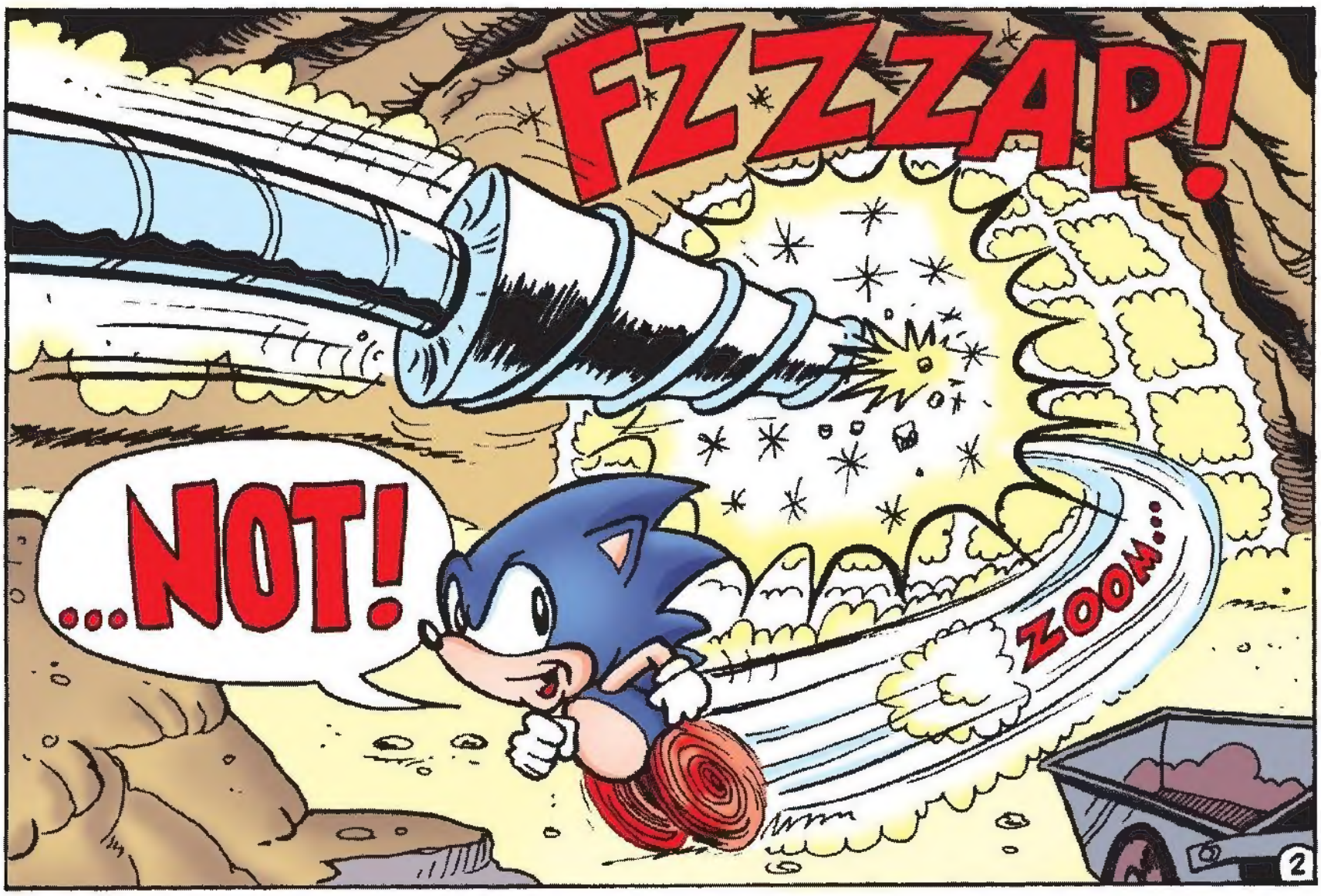
WHRRRRRRR!

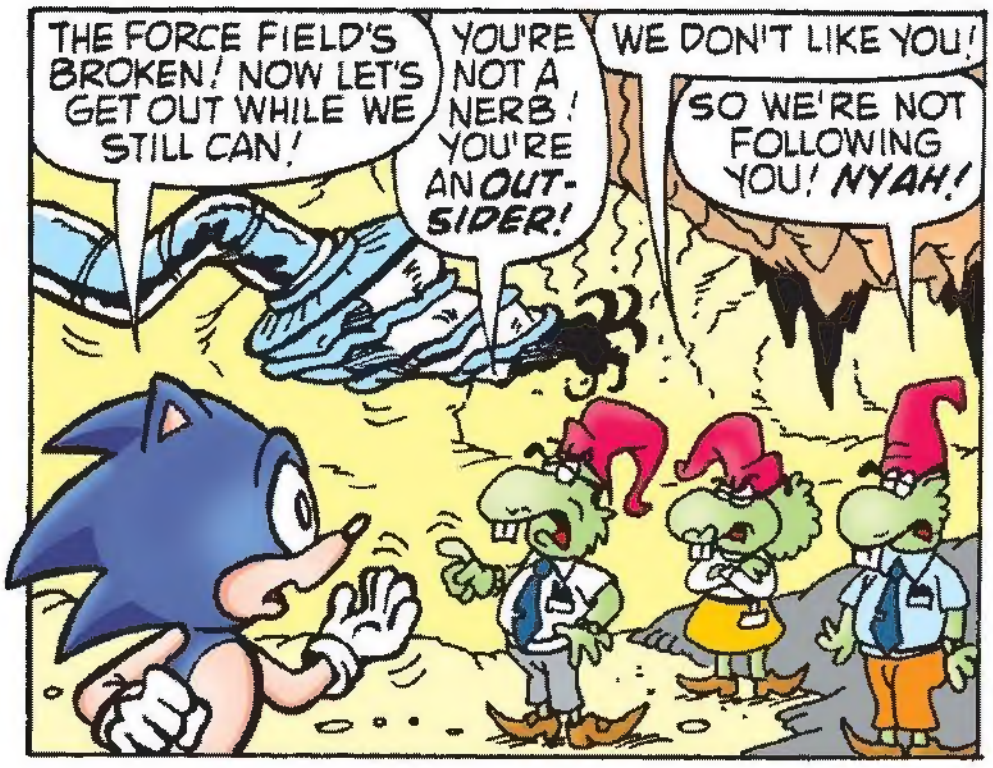



WO!
WHIRRRRR
KLONK!

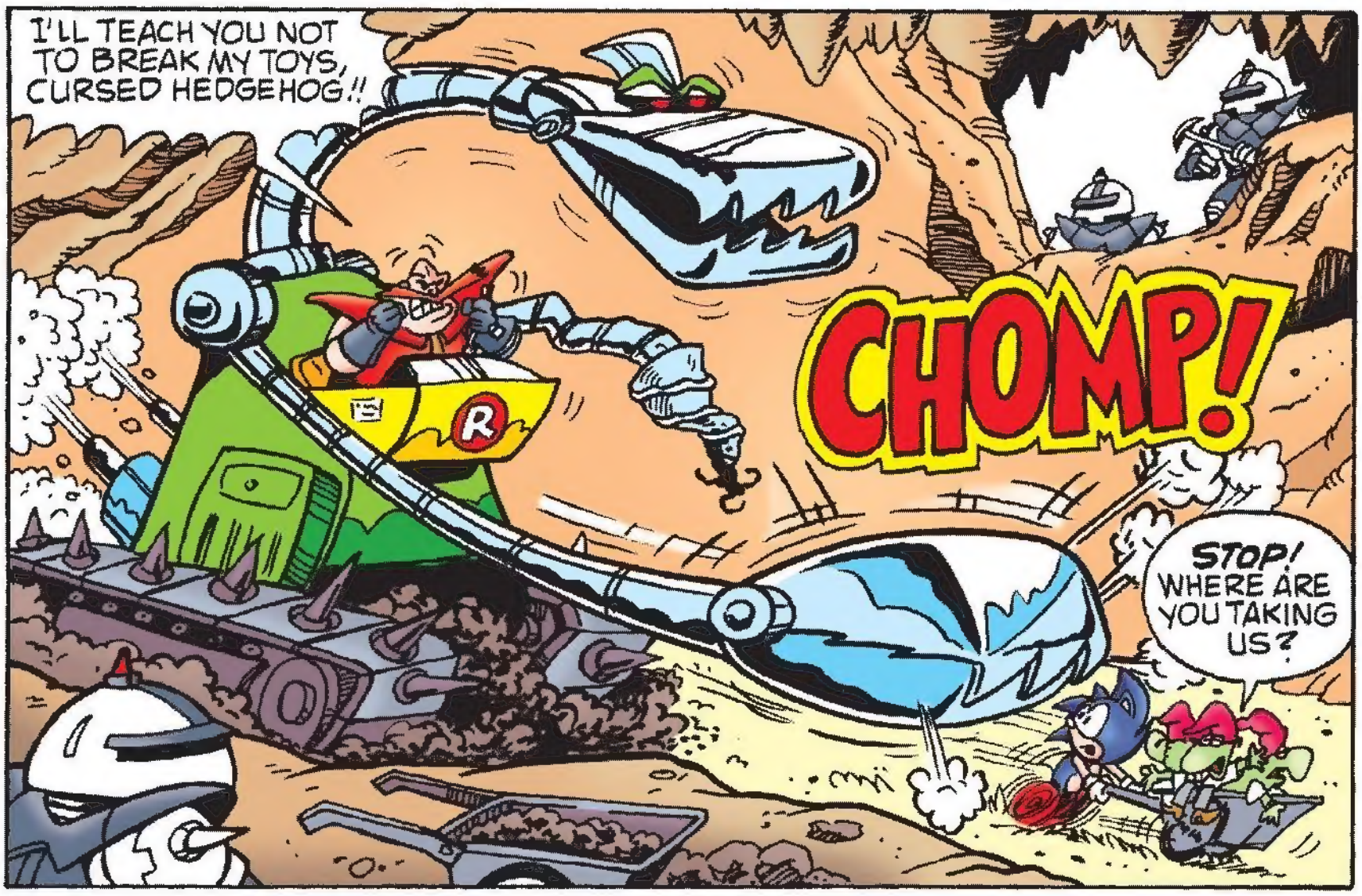
I'M GLAD YOU JOINED US HERE UNDER-GROUND! THIS IS WHERE HEDGEHOGS BELONG... AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO STAY!
YO! ROBALDNIK! I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU!

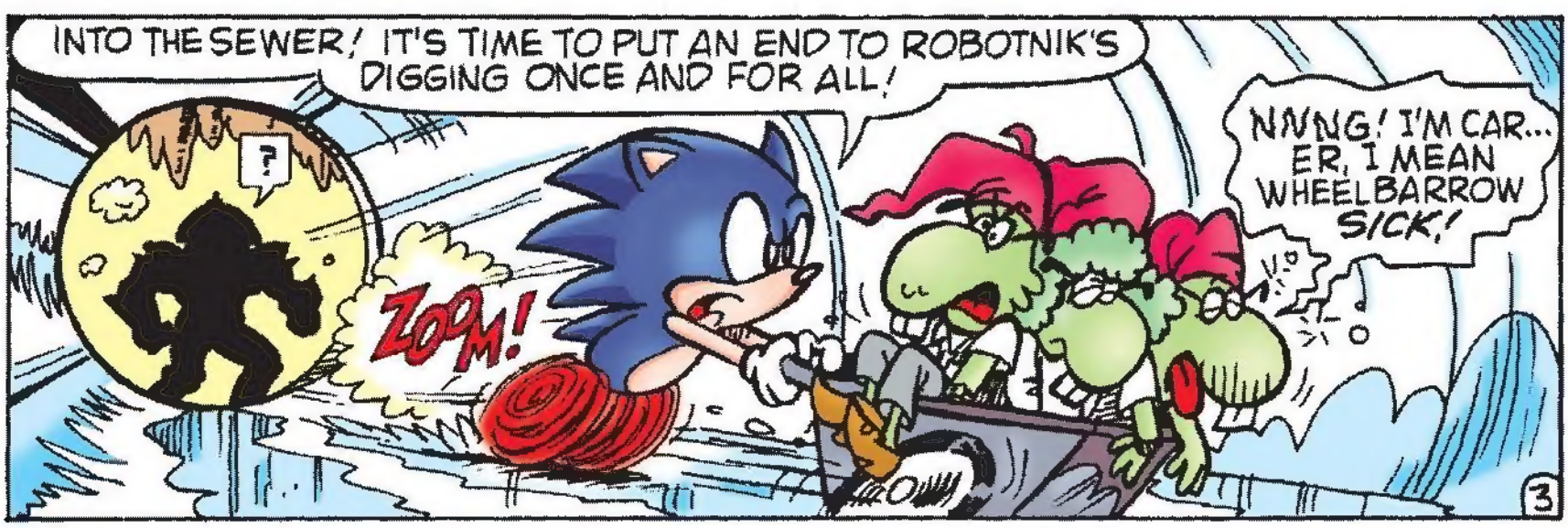

WHRRRRRRR!
TRY TO GET ME! I'LL STAND PERFECTLY STILL...


FZZZAP!
...NOT!
ZOOM...


THE FORCE FIELD'S BROKEN! NOW LET'S GET OUT WHILE WE STILL CAN!
YOU'RE NOT A NERB! YOU'RE AN OUTSIDER!
WE DON'T LIKE YOU!
SO WE'RE NOT FOLLOWING YOU! NYAH!

OH YES YOU ARE!
ZIP!


I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO BREAK MY TOYS, CURSED HEDGEHOG!!
CHOMP!
STOP! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?


INTO THE SEWER! IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO ROBOTNIK'S DIGGING ONCE AND FOR ALL!
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ZOOM!
NNNG! I'M CAR... ER, I MEAN WHEELBARROW SICK!

SONIC! WHAT'S GOING ON?

DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?

AFTER YOU GIVE THOSE NERDS A RIDE, CAN I HAVE ONE?*

THAT'S *NERBS*- AND I WANT YOU TO TAKE THEM HOME AND CLOSE THIS DOOR *TIGHT*!

*TAILS IS REFERRING TO HAVING A RIDE, NOT A NERD (NERB)! WHO WOULD WANT A NERD OR NERB-- THEY'RE TOO UNFRIENDLY!

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, DUDES! I'VE GOT TO HURRY!

ZOOM!

AND HOPE THAT I STILL KNOW MY WAY AROUND THIS OLD SEWER!

I THINK IT'S A LEFT...

ZOOM!

...AND A RIGHT...

ZOOM!

...AND A LEFT...

ZOOM!

...AND A RIGHT!

ZOOM!

AND THERE IT IS! IT'S *AWESOME!*

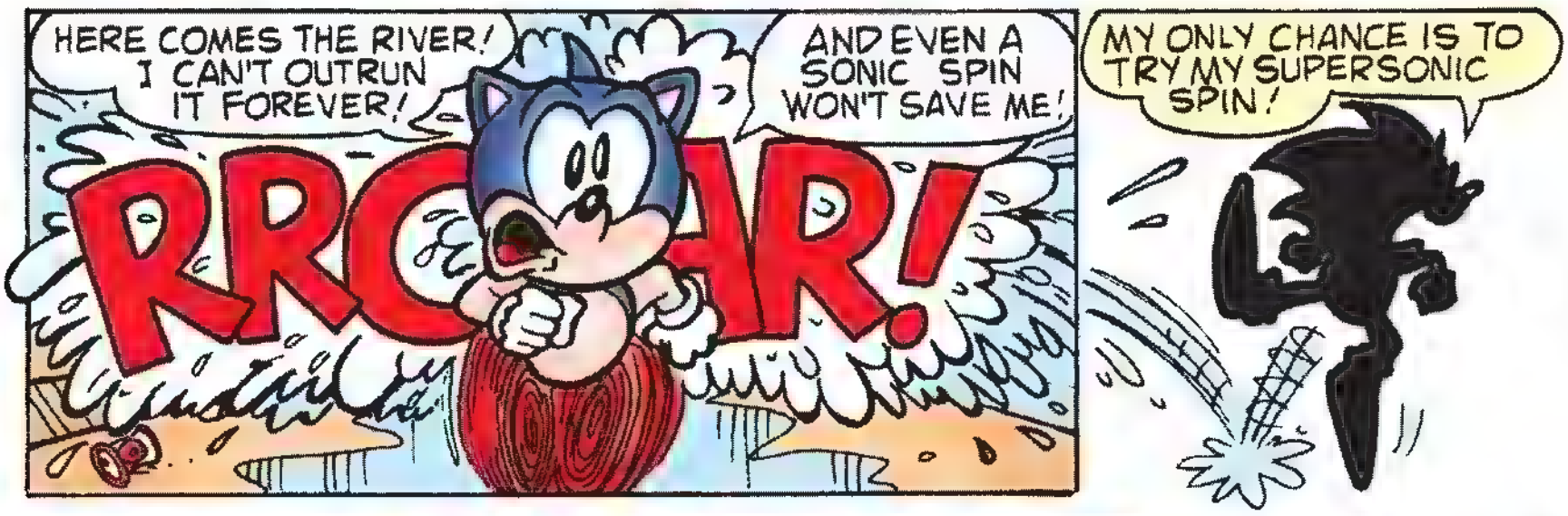
SKREEEEE

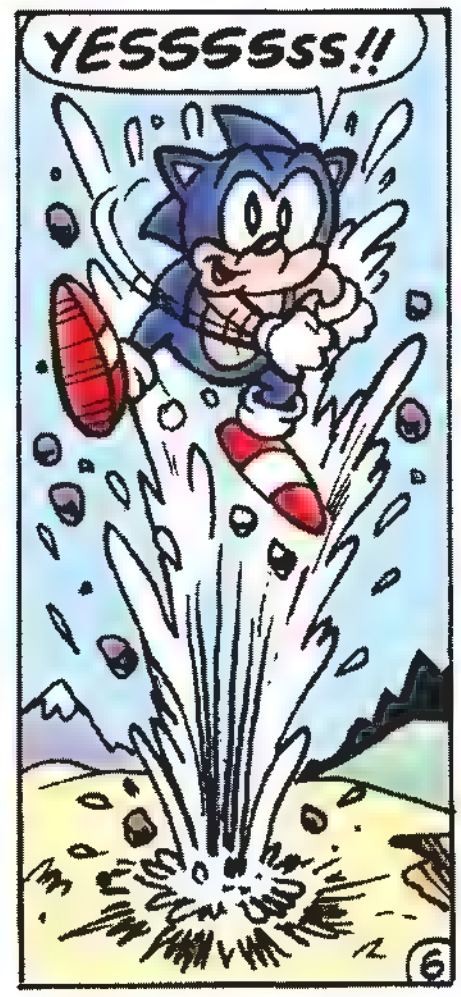
DANGER
DO NOT OPEN DOORS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF MOBIUS SEWER AUTHORITY! (AND SOME LIFE INSURANCE)
THE MOBIUS RIVER IS BEHIND THOSE DOORS! IT'S GOING TO TAKE MY MIGHTIEST *BUZZ-SAW SPIN* TO OPEN THEM!

BUZZZZ
I GUESS I'M JUST A *SAW HEAD!*
NNNGH! JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS!

RRROAR!
I *DID* IT! BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO *OUTRUN* THE RIVER!

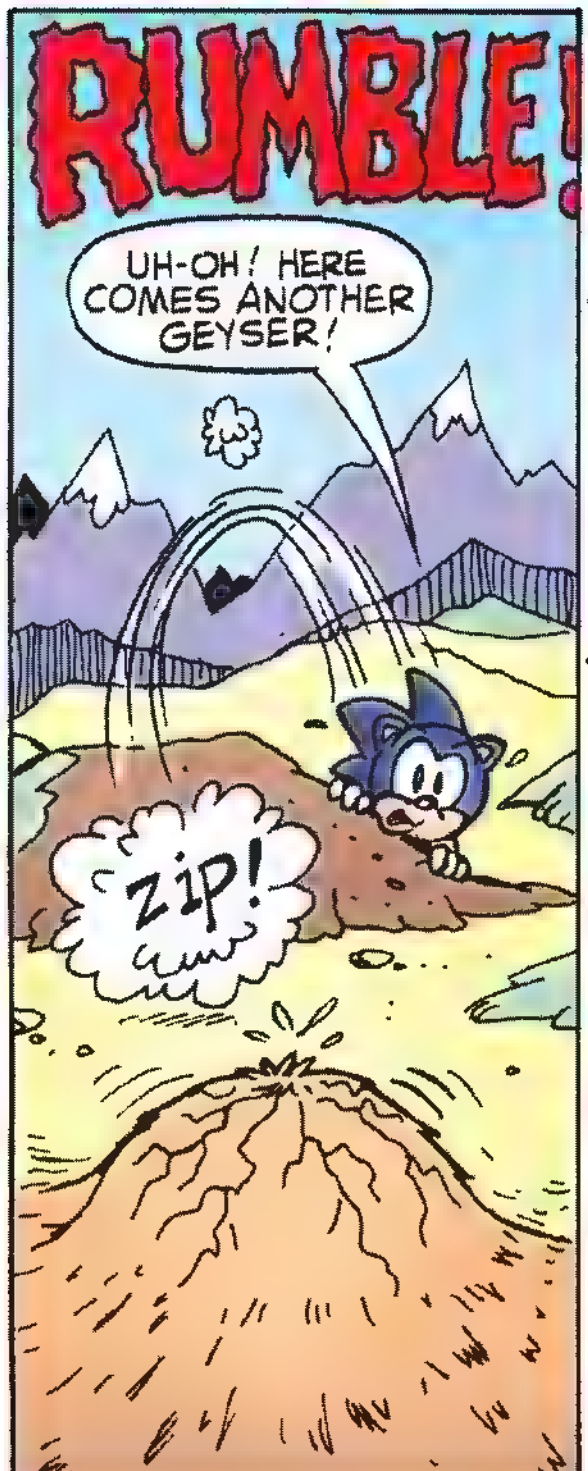
WE'RE IN THE WRONG SEWER, DUDES!
OR AT LEAST THE WRONG COMIC!
OH, NO! I DON'T REMEMBER THE WAY BACK TO THE EXIT!
WAT-ER PREDICAMENT!
ZOOM!





KKRRROOARR!!!!

WAY COOL! I RAISED THE ENTIRE CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS! TALK ABOUT AN *UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE!*


RUMBLE!
UH-OH! HERE COMES ANOTHER GEYSER!
ZIP!

KABOOM

HALP! GET ME DOWN! I ALREADY HAD MY BATH THIS YEAR!!
SUCCESS! SPEAKING OF GEYSERS... I WONDER HOW THE GUYS ARE DOING IN NERBLAND!
WHOOSH!

SOON...
...AND SO, TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING US, AND IN RECOGNITION OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, I HEREBY PROCLAIM SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HONORARY NERBS...

...ENTITLED TO WEAR THE TRADITIONAL NERB COSTUME!
I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN THEY WEREN'T FRIENDLY!
IT'S THE REVENGE OF THE NERBS!
...THAT'S NERDS!
HOORAY!
The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "TWAN WITH THE WIND"

THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT FOR OUR *FREEDOM FIGHTERS ANNUAL PICNIC*, SALLY!

ARE Y' ALL *SURE* THIS BALLOON IS SAFE, ANTOINE ??

BUT OF COURSE, BUNNIE!

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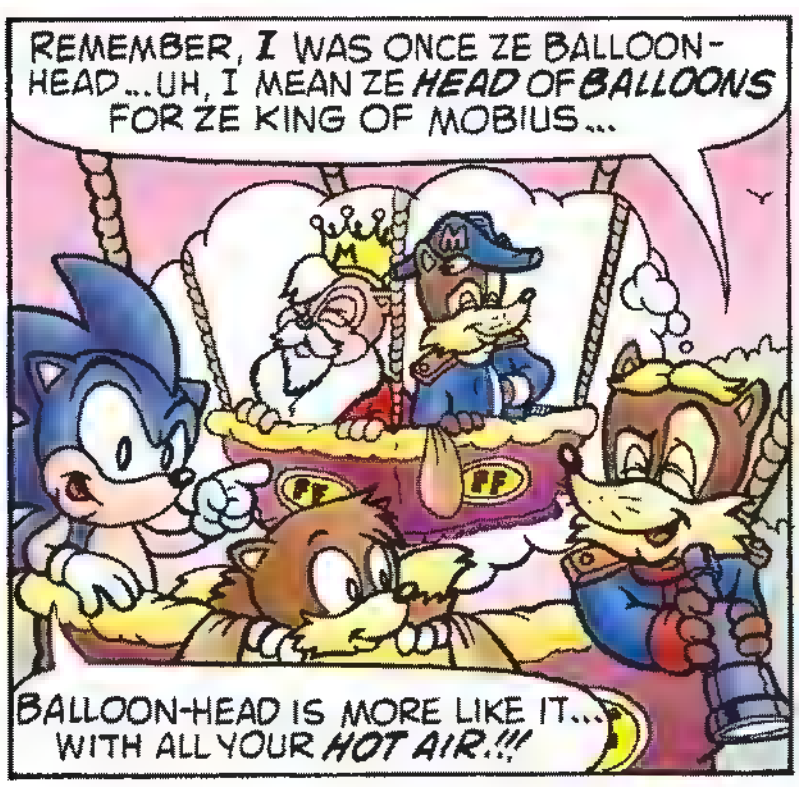
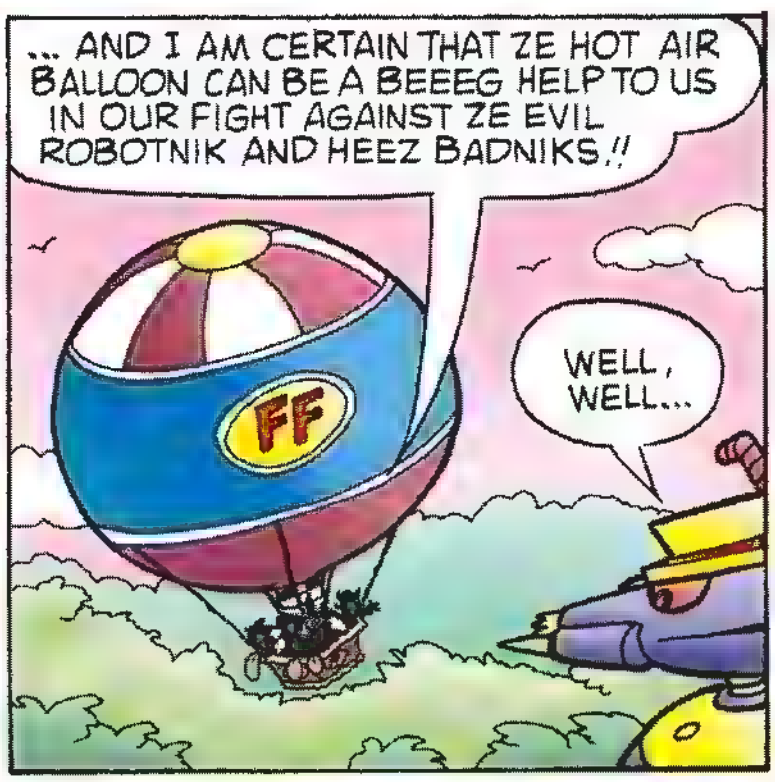


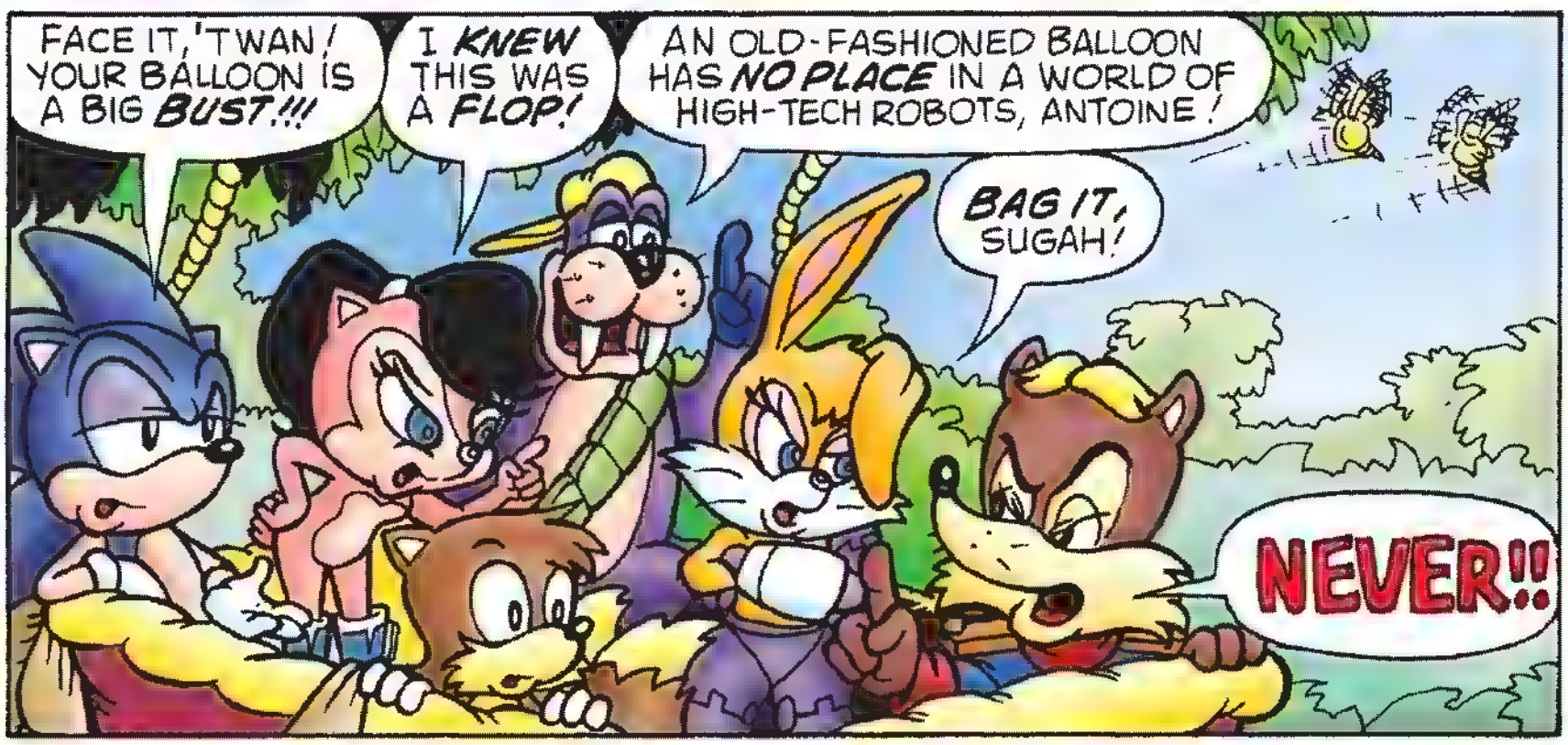


IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE PUNK FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE IN A BALLOON!
LET'S PUNK-TURE IT! HEH! HEH!
HOW ABOUT THAT SPOT DOWN THERE?
FF

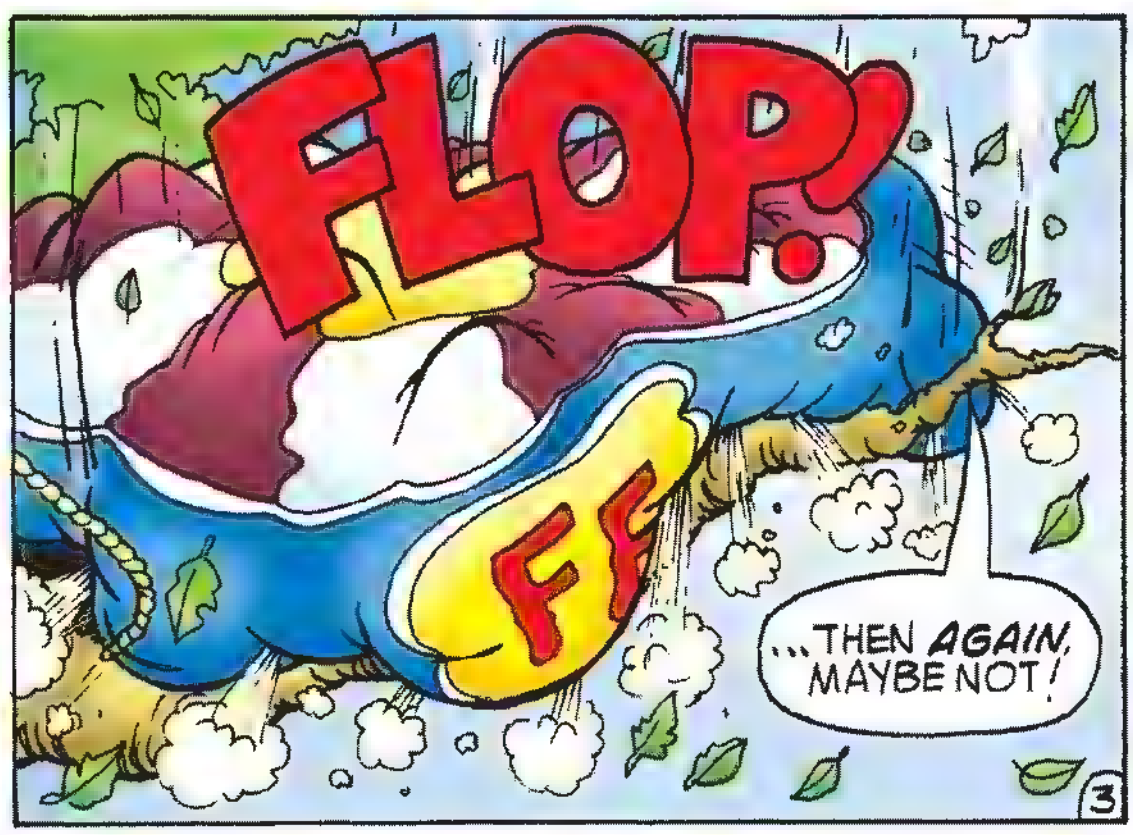
BZZZZZZZZZ!!
WHAT'S THAT NOISE, ANTOINE?
IT EEZ ONLY ZE SOUND OF ZE BREEZE AS WE FLOAT THROUGH ZE AIR!
BLAM!
WHOOSH!
... AND ZAT IS ZE SOUND OF ZE WIND AS WE PLUMMET TO EARTH!!! (GULP!)
!
!
!
FF

RASH!

I SEE YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE DECIDED TO BRANCH OUT! HA! HA!
FF
BUZZBOMBER!! WE WILL GET YOU FOR ZIS!!


FACE IT, 'TWAN! YOUR BALLOON IS A BIG BUST!!!
I KNEW THIS WAS A FLOP!
AN OLD-FASHIONED BALLOON HAS NO PLACE IN A WORLD OF HIGH-TECH ROBOTS, ANTOINE!
BAG IT, SUGAH!
NEVER!!

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE DOES NOT KNOW ZE MEANING OF "GEEV EET UP!" ZE HOT AIR BALLOON WILL RISE AGAIN...


FLOP!
FF
...THEN AGAIN, MAYBE NOT!

BACK IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

YOU SAY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE RIDING IN A BALLOON, AND YOU DESTROYED THE BALLOON, BUT *FAILED* TO *CAPTURE* THEM!

SORRY, YOUR BEASTLINESS, BUT...

SILENCE!

YOU INCOMPETENT INSECTILES! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE *UP TO!!*

THEY WERE UP TO ABOUT A *MILE* AND A *HALF*, OH NASTY ONE!

YOU BUZZ-DORK! HE MEANS WHAT WERE THEY *DOING*? I THINK THEY WERE *LOOKING* FOR *SOMETHING!*

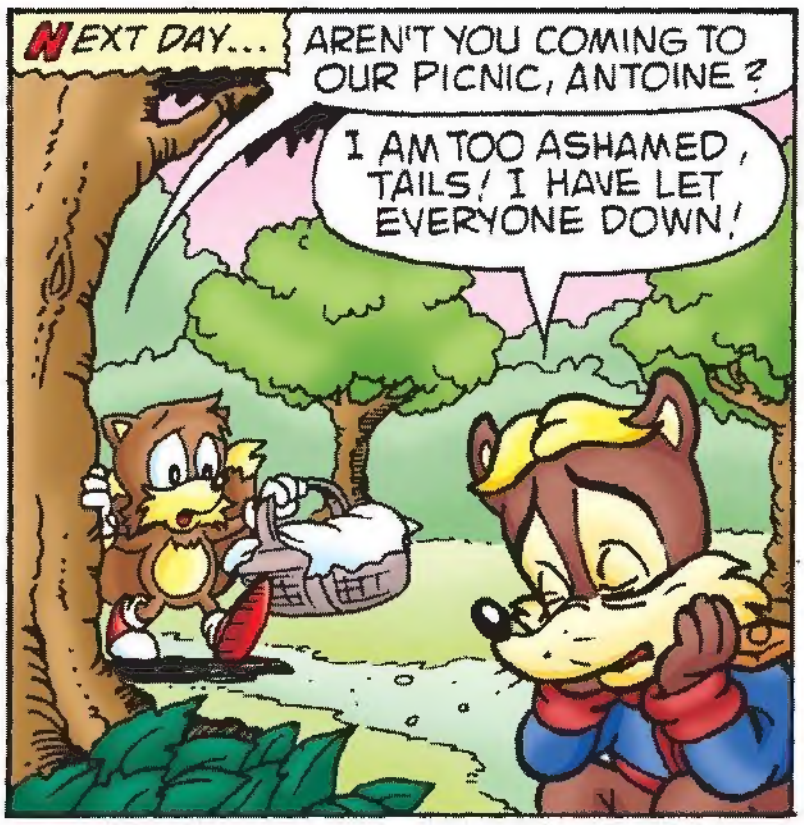
PERHAPS I CAN TELL YOU, MASTER!

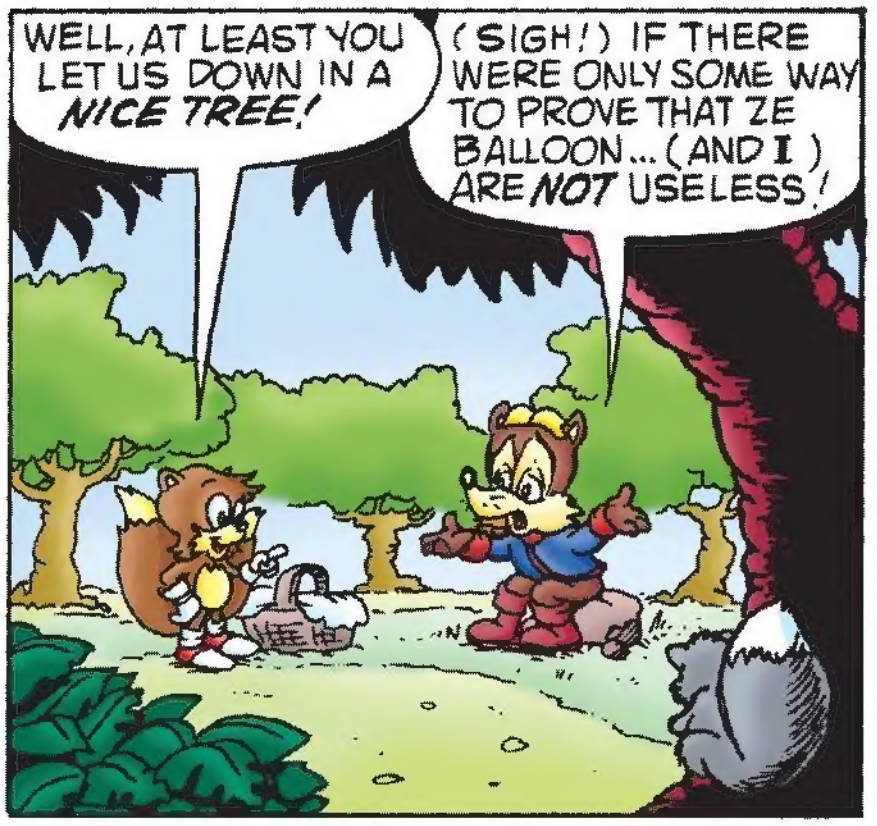
ACCORDING TO MY FREEDOM FIGHTER FACT FINDER, THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN THEY HOLD THEIR *ANNUAL PICNIC!* PERHAPS THEY WERE SCOUTING A *SUITABLE LOCATION!*

YES! THAT *MUST* BE IT, SNIVELY!

DATE: 6431
TIME: 09.93
PLACE: MOBIUS POND
EVENT: PICNIC

LET'S *INVITE OURSELVES* TO THIS YEAR'S PICNIC! WE'LL PROVIDE THE *ANT-ICS!* *HEEYAHAHAHAHOHOHOOO!!*


NEXT DAY...
AREN'T YOU COMING TO OUR PICNIC, ANTOINE?
I AM TOO ASHAMED, TAILS! I HAVE LET EVERYONE DOWN!


WELL, AT LEAST YOU LET US DOWN IN A NICE TREE!
(SIGH!) IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO PROVE THAT ZE BALLOON... (AND I) ARE NOT USELESS!

I AM GOING TO MAKE ZE NECESSARY REPAIRS AND GIVE IT ZE ONE LAST TRY!
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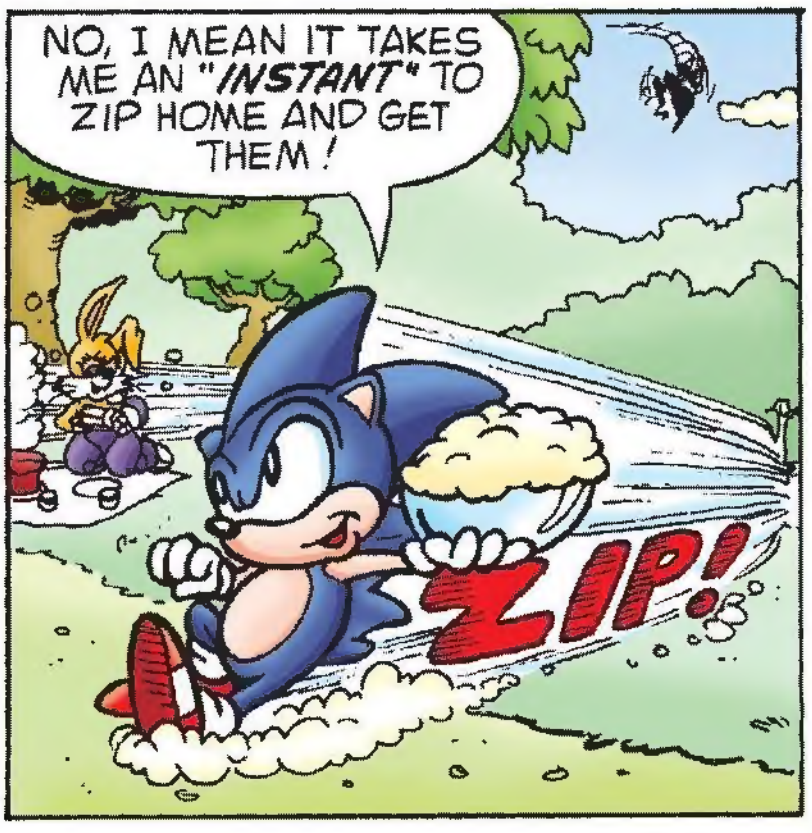
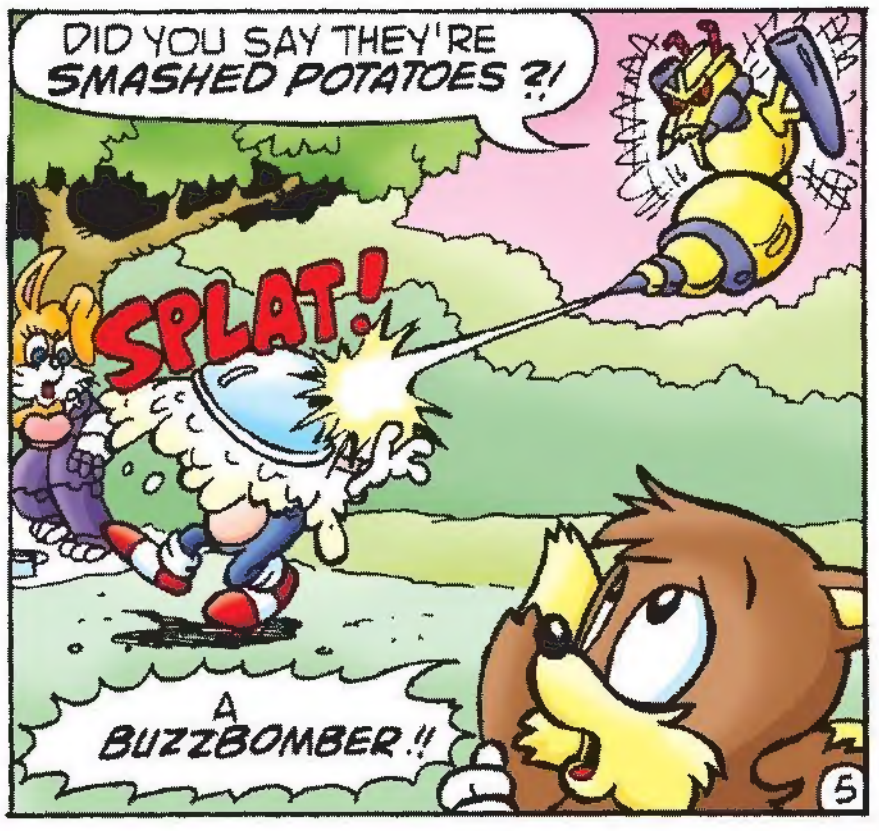
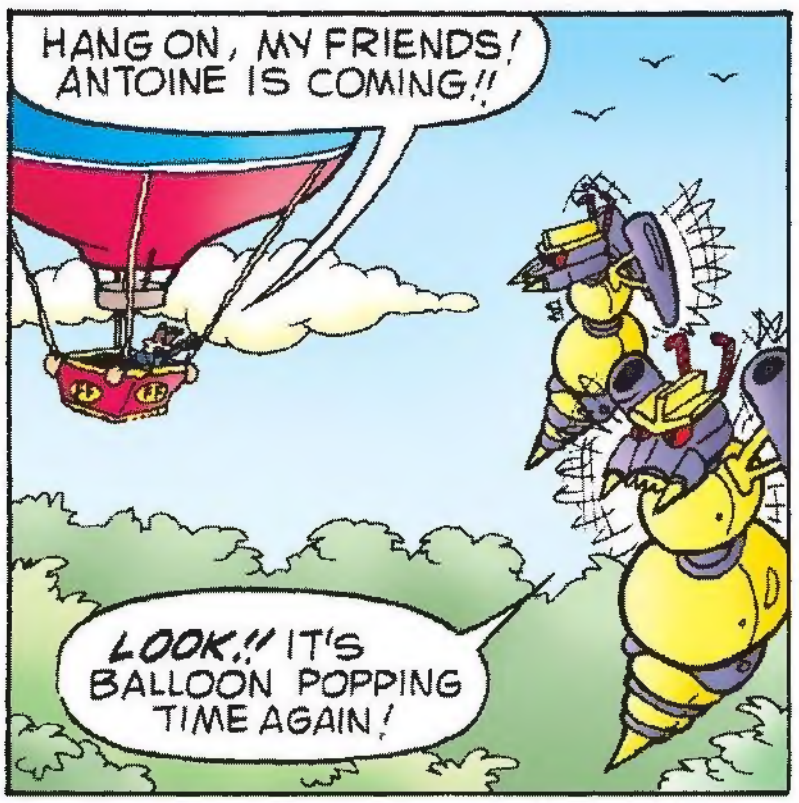
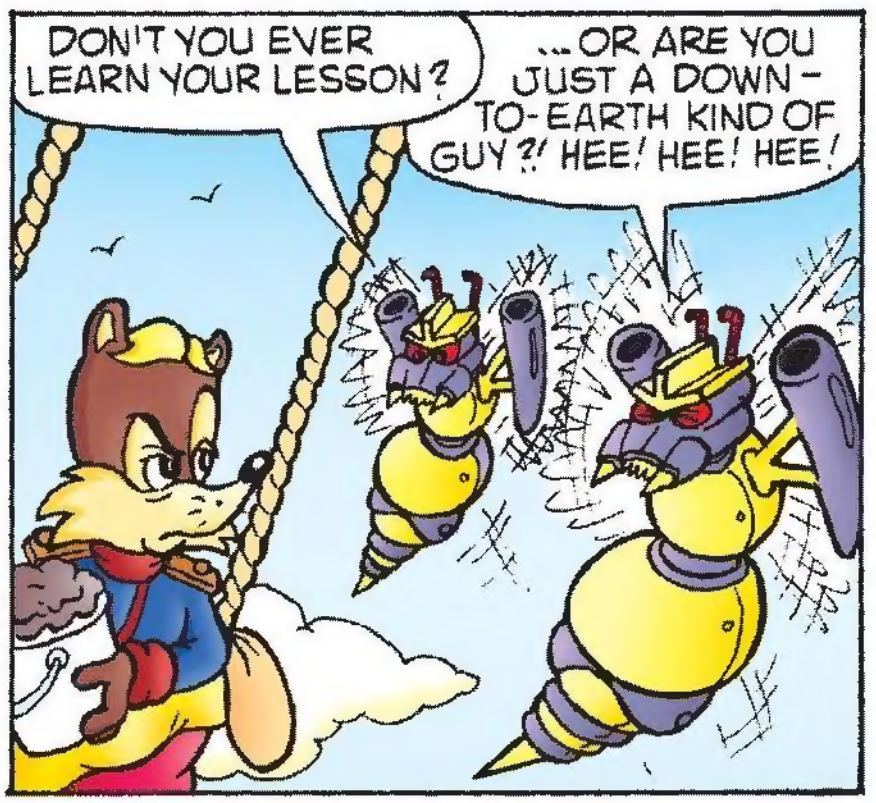
LATER...
GOT ANY MORE MASHED POTATOES, SONIC?
JUST MY "INSTANT" POTATOES, SALLY!
"INSTANT"? YOU MEAN JUST ADD WATER?!

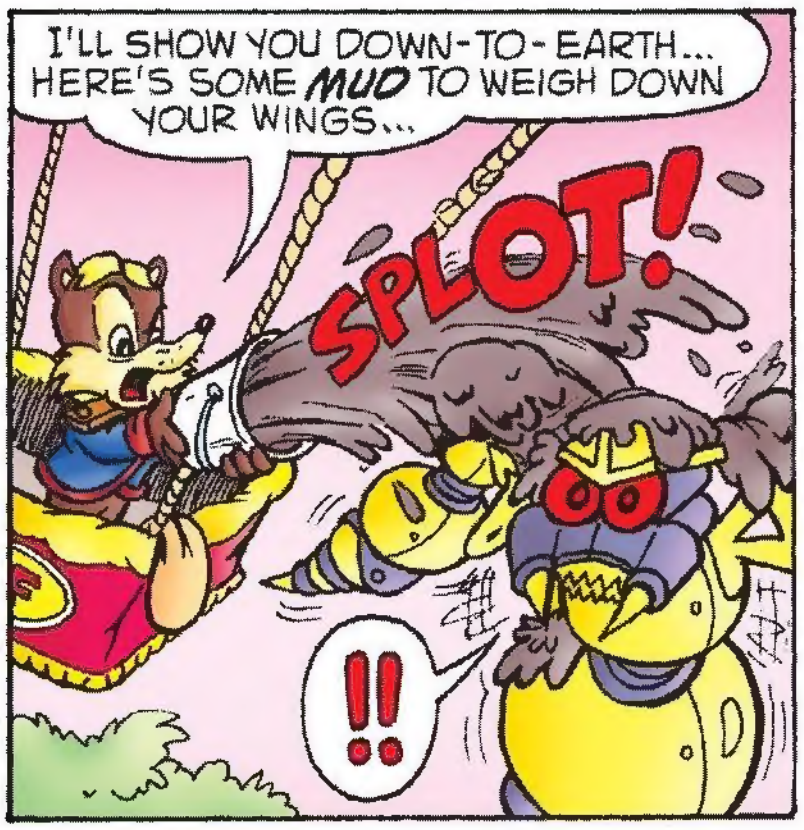

NO, I MEAN IT TAKES ME AN "INSTANT" TO ZIP HOME AND GET THEM!
ZIP!


DID YOU SAY THEY'RE SMASHED POTATOES?!
SPLAT!
A BUZZBOMBER!!

IT'S ROBOTNIK WITH A SQUAD OF SWATBOTS!!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
THE PICNIC IS OVER, FREEDOM FIGHTERS... PERMANENTLY!!


HANG ON, MY FRIENDS! ANTOINE IS COMING!!
LOOK!! IT'S BALLOON POPPING TIME AGAIN!


DON'T YOU EVER LEARN YOUR LESSON?
...OR ARE YOU JUST A DOWN-TO-EARTH KIND OF GUY?! HEE! HEE! HEE!


I'LL SHOW YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH... HERE'S SOME MUD TO WEIGH DOWN YOUR WINGS...
SPLOT!
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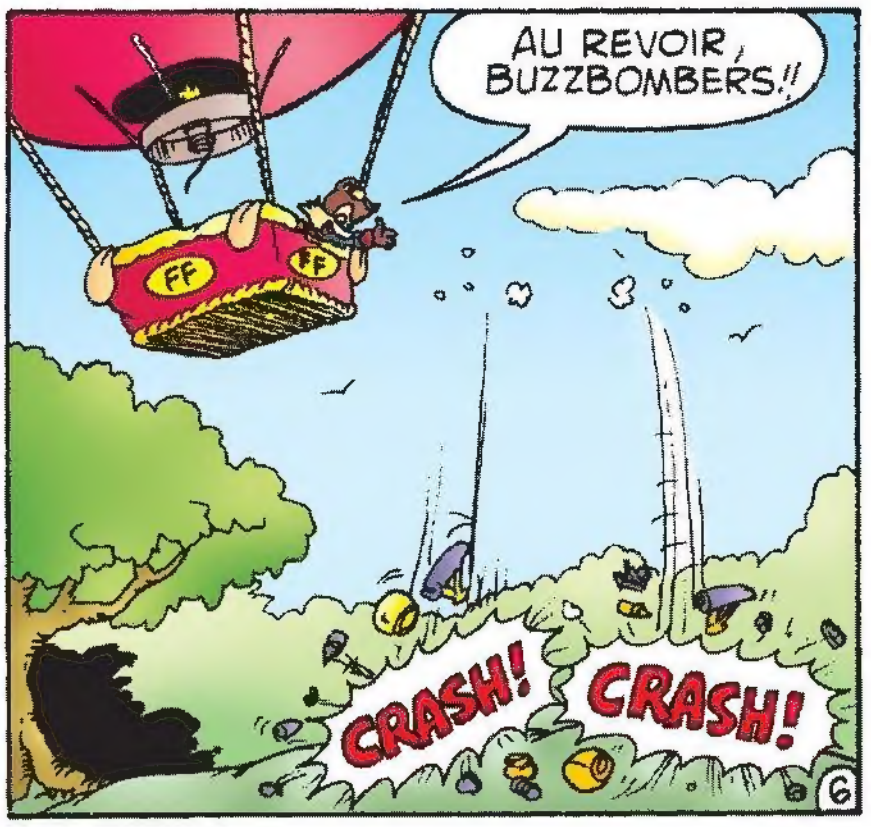
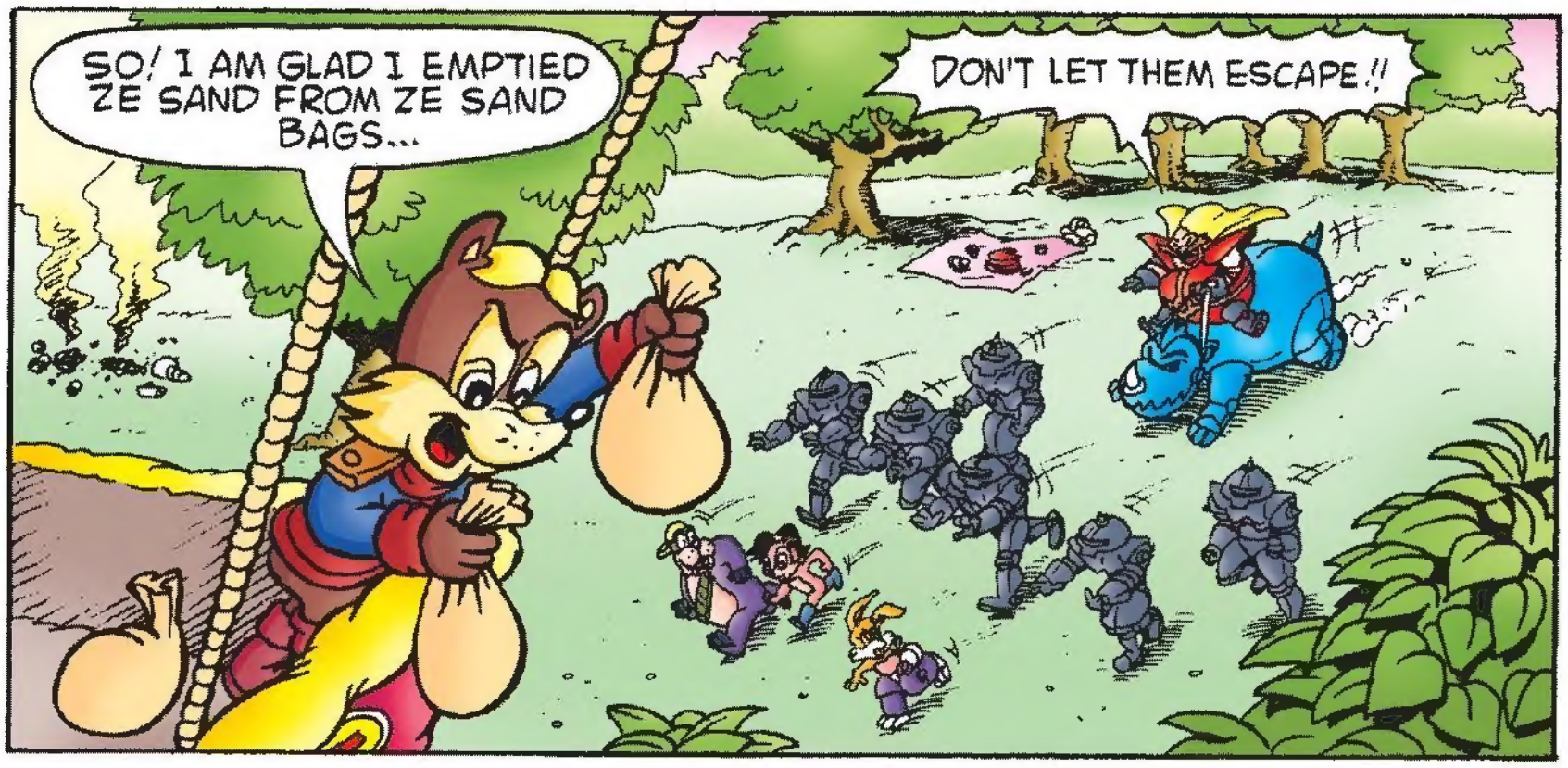
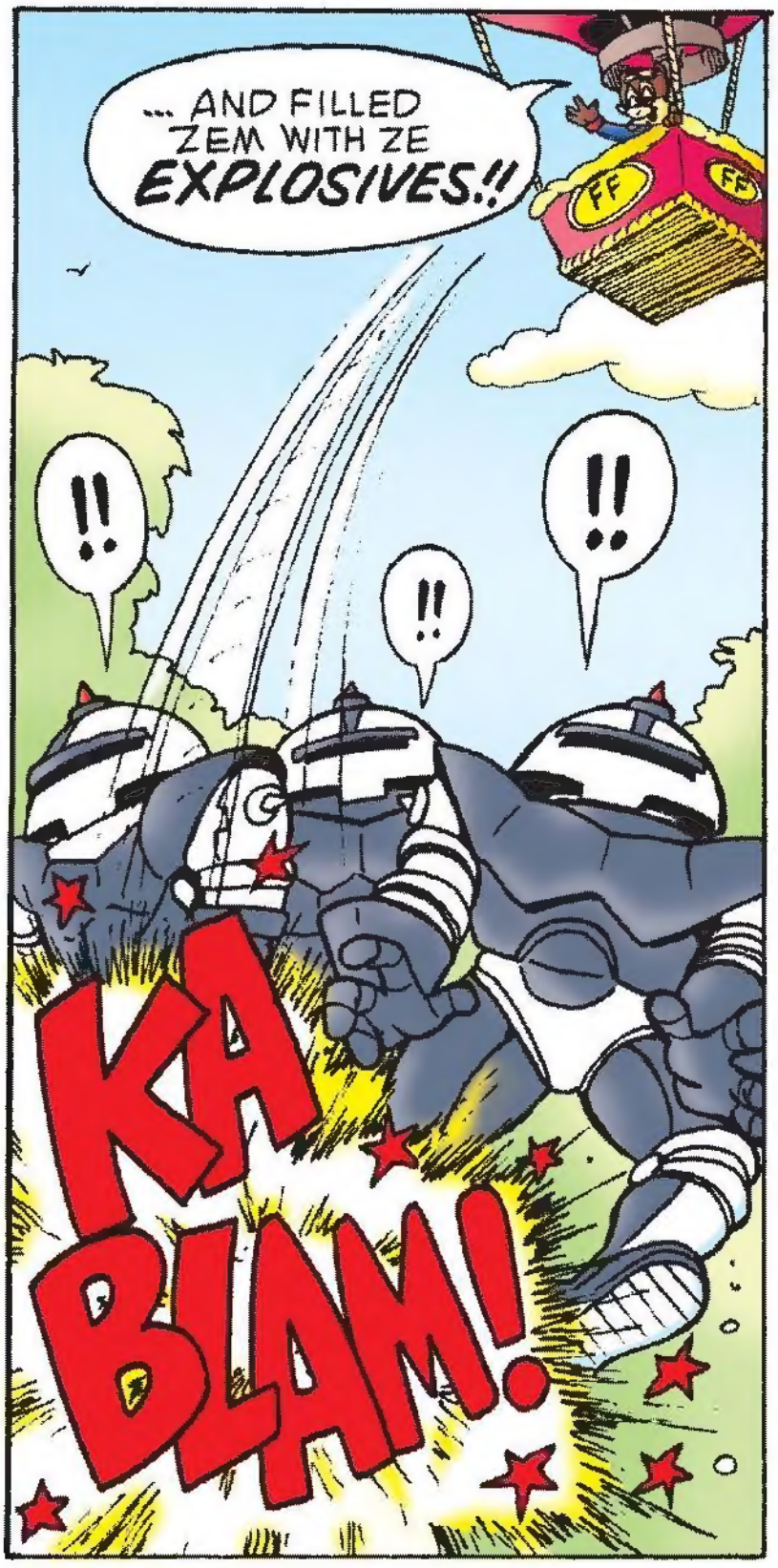

AU REVOIR, BUZZBOMBERS!!
CRASH!
CRASH!


SO! I AM GLAD I EMPTIED ZE SAND FROM ZE SAND BAGS...
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!!


... AND FILLED ZEM WITH ZE EXPLOSIVES!!
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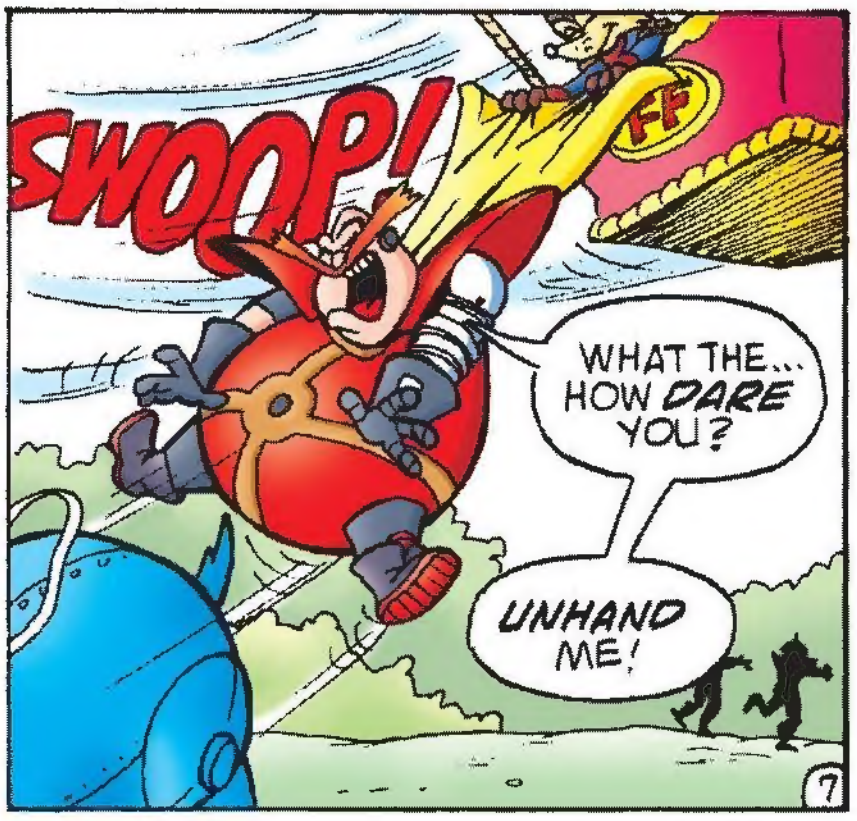
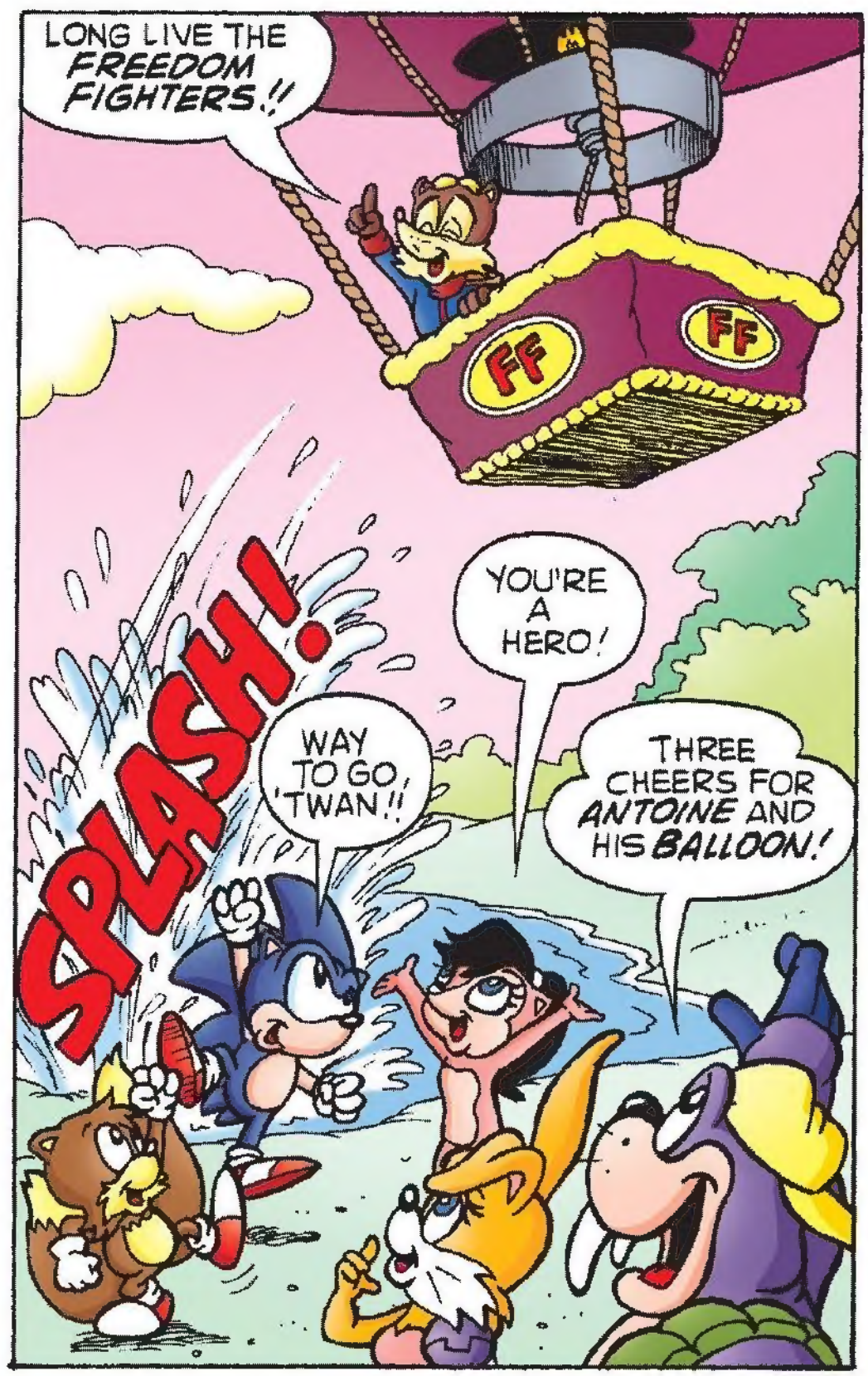
KA BLAM!

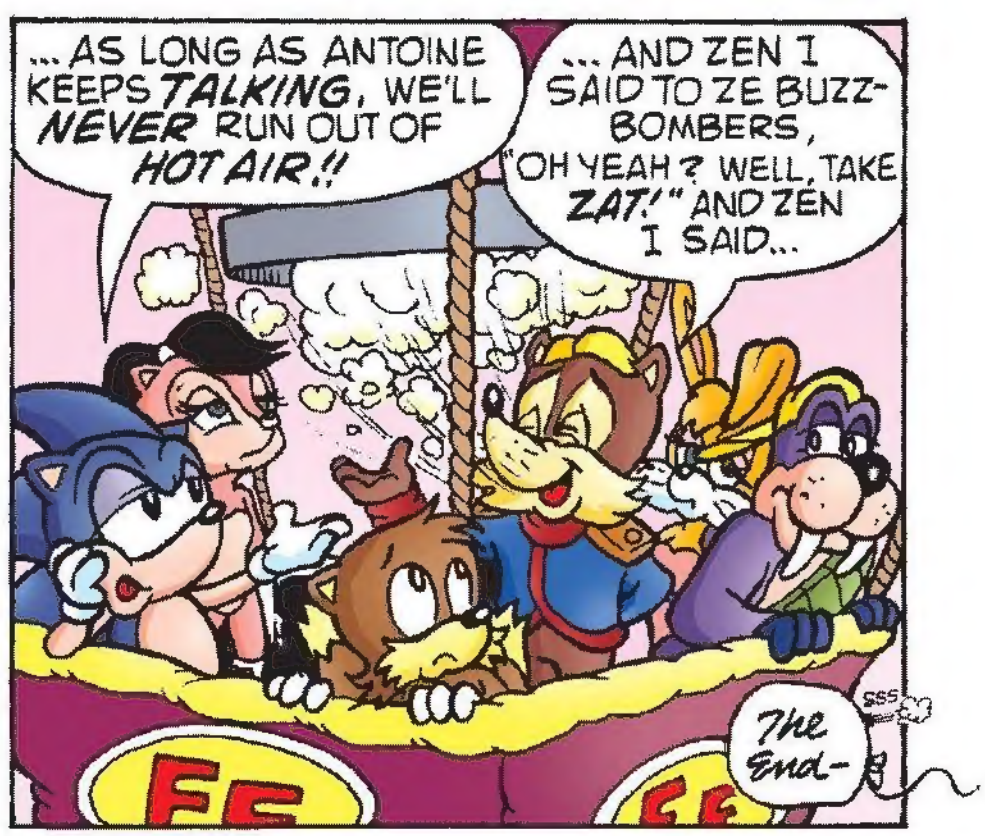
YOU CLANKING COLLECTION OF COWARDS! COME BACK HERE! I COMMAND* YOU!!!
* AND YOU CALL THIS A COMMAND PERFORMANCE? - EDITORS


SWOOP!
WHAT THE... HOW DARE YOU?
UNHAND ME!

UNHAND YOU??
...GLADLY!
WAIT!! LET ME REPHRASE THAT...


LONG LIVE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!
SPLASH!!
WAY TO GO, 'TWAN!!
YOU'RE A HERO!
THREE CHEERS FOR ANTOINE AND HIS BALLOON!

SOON...
SONIC! SONIC! THE HOT AIR BURNER ON OUR BALLOON ISN'T WORKING!!
CHILL OUT, TAILS...


...AS LONG AS ANTOINE KEEPS TALKING, WE'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF HOT AIR!!
...AND ZEN I SAID TO ZE BUZZ-BOMBERS, "OH YEAH? WELL, TAKE ZAT!" AND ZEN I SAID...
The End-